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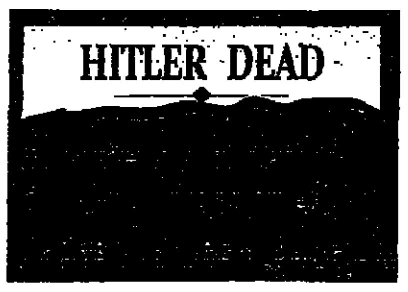

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BBC cuts £20m from arts and documentary budgets

Wyatt: would not put figure on job losses

By Alexandra Frean
Media Correspondent

THE BBC is cutting £20 million from its music, arts and factual programme departments in a move that will see major series pruned and entire documentary projects abandoned.

Programme makers reacted angrily to the news yesterday, claiming that the "salami slicing" of budgets breached promises made by the corporation earlier this year to increase science and leisure programmes, which both come under the factual department. Although BBC staff were instructed on Friday not to talk to the press, many could not contain their rage. "There will be a mutiny among programme makers," one senior producer said.

Programmes most likely to suffer include the corporation's flagship arts and factual shows, including *Horizon*, *Omnibus*, *Timewatch*, *Reputations* and *QED*. Entire documentary projects, such as a proposed series on Alexander the Great or occasional four or six-part series on minority issues, could also be axed. The corporation's equal opportunities policy may also be cut.

The new savings drive will involve job losses and a potential reduction in income from overseas programme sales. The programme cuts were announced by Will Wyatt, managing director of BBC network television.

Senior producers believe that the new savings drive is contrary to the BBC's widely acclaimed *Programme Strategy Review*, a two-year research project which cost £2 million and which was published earlier this year in a document entitled *People and Programmes*. The document emphasised the BBC's commitment to increasing its science and leisure programmes, two of the fields covered by the factual department. The commitment was endorsed by John Birt, the corporation's director-general who is himself an engineering graduate.

"The goals of the Programme Strategy Review have not been put on the back burner but into the dustbin. It looks as if it was a purely cynical exercise by the BBC to help get its charter renewed by the Government. But it makes a complete nonsense of the BBC's role as a public service broadcaster," one senior producer said.

Sir David Attenborough, whose natural history programmes are among the BBC's most popular factual shows said yesterday that he had "no reason to suppose" that any of his programmes would be affected by the cutbacks. He added, however, that he would be extremely concerned if the corporation's science output were hit.

Mr Wyatt refused to say how many jobs might be lost in the new savings drive, which comes on top of orders to cut programme costs by 8 per cent this year. He added that the hoped job losses would come through the non-renewal of contracts rather than through layoffs.

Insiders believe, however, that the music and arts department c.. lose 30 jobs out of a total of 200. In the factual programmes department — which includes documentaries, science and features, natural history, and magazine shows as well as many of the new leisure programmes recently introduced — may have to shed between 10-12 per cent of staff.

Mr Wyatt said that drama programmes would not be affected at all by the cuts. He said that the £20 million of savings required from the arts and music and factual programme departments would be phased in over two years.

Labour to 'champion the consumer'

Blair vows to get tougher with unions

By Philip Webster, political editor

TONY Blair issued an outspoken warning to union leaders last night to learn the lessons of his victory over Clause Four of Labour's constitution.

He said it was "unhealthy" that some union chiefs were so badly out of tune with ordinary Labour members and made plain they would not be able to push him around in government.

Mr Blair's attack came as the Labour leadership prepared to unveil fresh policies to trumpet the party as the champion of consumer. The new programme, designed to appeal to the middle classes, will be accompanied by a further assault on the union's influence in forming party policies.

An overwhelming majority of party members backed Mr Blair's new wording for Clause Four at special conference at Central Hall, Westminster, on Saturday, although he had a much narrower victory among the unions. And in an interview in the *Daily Mirror* today he makes plain that he aims to capitalise on the vote. "We are not going to be pushed around in government. We have a situation where the party supporters voted 9-1 in favour of change," he said.

Two of the biggest unions that voted against him on Saturday — Unison and the transport workers — had not consulted their members and in his *Mirror* interview, Mr Blair said: "It is strange that two large unions, who on the whole represent ordinary Labour supporters, were against change. I don't think it did them any good to put themselves in a position where the media said they were not speaking for their members."

The Labour leader is to press home his victory over party traditionalists with a policy-making revolution involving widespread consultation outside the party.

The first move will come today when Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, announces plans to fine firms that engage in restrictive practices which keep prices higher than they need be. Mr Brown will promise to set up a tough new competition and consumer standards office, bringing together the investigative arms of the Office of Fair Trading and the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Mr Blair — derided by John Major yesterday as a "soundbite" politician — said the scrapping of the clause freed Labour from the dogma of its past and allowed it to be the party that would speak up for industry and the consumer, sharing power with the people rather than centralising it.

Those will be be the guiding principles behind new policies to be drawn up before the summer on education, health and crime. Today's policy move is the first of many intended to show that Labour is now the party of the consumer rather than the producer. "There will be no more cutting deals in smoke-filled rooms," one source said.

At the same time, Mr Blair will press on with his drive to modernise the party organisation. He confirmed yesterday that the union vote at party conferences will be reduced from 70 per cent to 50 cent and proposals are also expected to shake up Labour's national executive, giving more say to members and and local government representatives at the expense of the unions.

Mr Blair said his victory had changed the culture and politics of the party. A source close to him said: "Labour is now repositioned as a left-of-centre party that represents the left and the centre."

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Privatised rail will need huge subsidy

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

THE Government will be unable to cut the subsidy needed to support the railways for at least five years after privatisation, and possibly not for a decade, according to a draft report from an all-party committee of MPs.

The draft, written for the transport select committee by its expert advisers, casts doubt on one of the central arguments used by Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, to justify the hugely unpopular sell-off. Ministers' claims that it will bring swift benefits for taxpayers, who have poured £50 billion into British Rail since nationalisation, are unrealistic, the report says.

"The idea that the subsidy to the railways melts away after privatisation is not borne out by the figures," said a committee source. "It will be very surprising if the subsidy is smaller than it is now." The subsidy is currently running at about £1.5 billion a year and the Government hopes this will rapidly reduce as private sector train operators start to take over running services from the end of the year.

The report argues that private sector companies may actually drive up the costs of running the railways because of their need to make a profit. This would force the Treasury to provide an even higher subsidy for passenger services to be maintained at anything approaching their current level in the years following privatisation. The alternatives — far higher fares or deep cuts in services — are politically unacceptable.

The report follows the most thorough independent investi-

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The Duke of Edinburgh flanked by the Buddhist leader Sri Kushok Bakula, left, and Xie Zongxing, vice president of the Taoist Association of China

Duke calls for 'vital action' on population explosion

By Ruth Gledhill
Religion Correspondent

THE Duke of Edinburgh said yesterday that the extinction of a single species of wild plant or animal life was "far more significant" than the death of a number of individuals of a domestic or wild species not threatened with extinction.

Addressing world religious leaders at an international summit on conservation and religion at Windsor Castle, he said the world was in a critical state and could be on the point of exploding.

Giving a warning that the environment had to be protected from "the dramatic increase in the world's human population", he called on each faith to take note that time for the natural environment was running out fast.

"We are stretching the earth's systems like a child's balloon. If it goes on blowing, the crucial question is, when is it going to burst?"

The Duke said "vital actions" were needed if the consequences of the human population explosion were to be controlled and modified. "Whatever the motive, the fact is that if this generation is to leave the earth in a fit state for our successors, we will need to address the consequences of human activities and address them urgently."

The Duke is International President of the World Wide Fund for Nature, which is hosting the summit.

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UN withdrawal looms as ceasefire ends in Bosnia

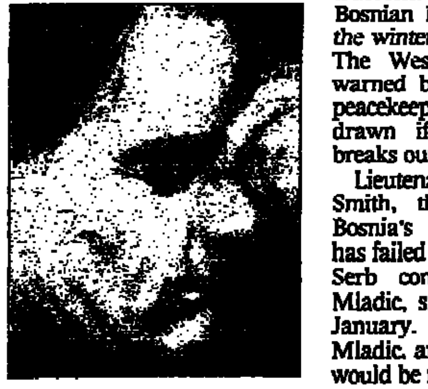
From Joel Brand in Sarajevo

ALL-OUT war is looming again in Bosnia following the failure yesterday of efforts by the top United Nations envoy to persuade the mainly Muslim Bosnian Government to renew its four-month ceasefire with the Bosnian Serbs.

After a deceptive winter lull, the ceasefire expires at midday today, and fighting is already raging unchecked in several disputed areas, including the Bihac pocket.

Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian Prime Minister, told Yasushi Akashi, the UN envoy, that the Bosnian Government could only offer to exercise "maximum restraint" in the light of the Bosnian Serbs' refusal to agree to an international peace plan for Bosnia. The collapse of the ceasefire brings a withdrawal of British and French UN troops closer.

There was deep gloom in London and Paris over the weekend at the failure of the five-nation Contact Group to make any headway in persuading the warring parties to give negotiations a further chance. Mr Akashi's later talks in Pale with Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, ended with no apparent agreement on extending the truce.



Smith: under pressure at a briefing yesterday

The Bosnian Serbs are in truculent mood, while the Bosnian Muslims have used the winter months to re-arm. The Western powers have warned both sides that UN peacekeepers will be withdrawn if a full-scale war breaks out again.

Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith, the commander of Bosnia's UN peacekeepers, has failed to meet the Bosnian Serb commander, General Mladic, since taking over in January. Without General Mladic, any Serb agreements would be meaningless.

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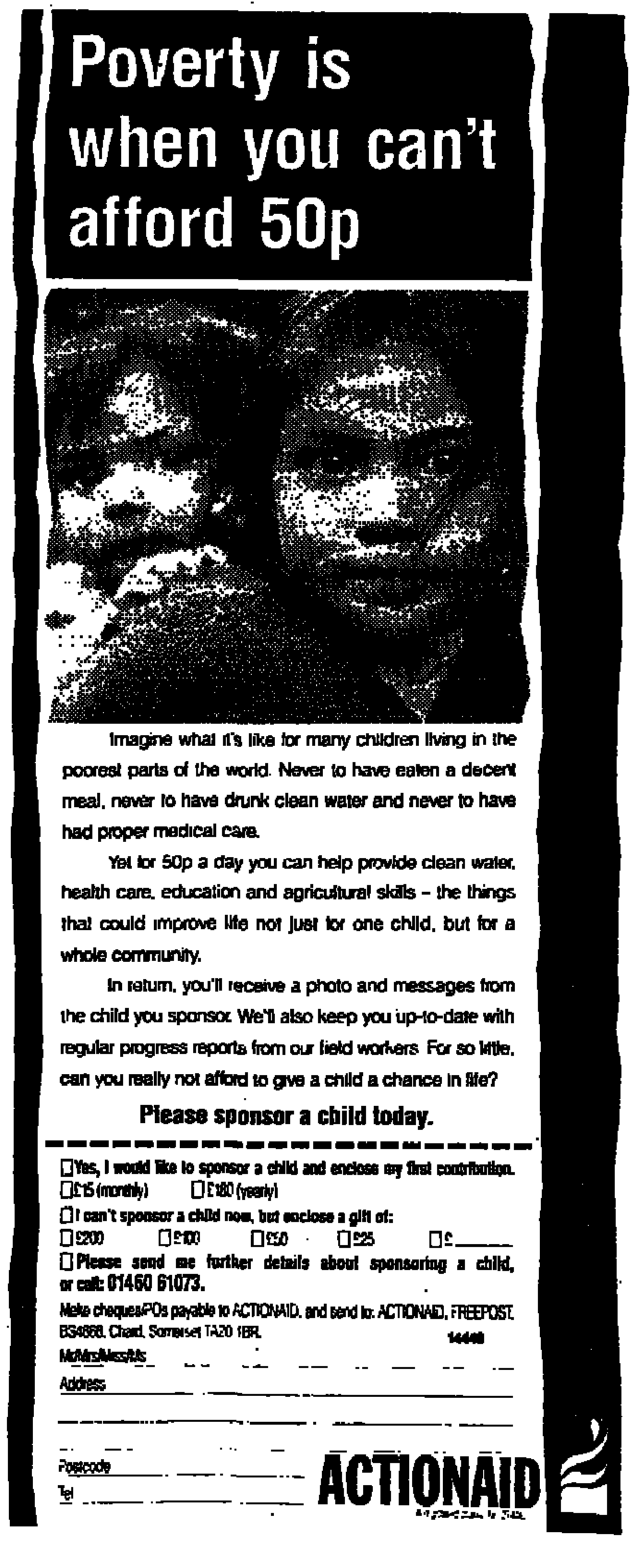
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Cliffhanger as bookshelf price war is declared

By Neil Bennett
Deputy Business Editor

A PRICE war will break out between Britain's bookshops today when John Le Carré's latest novel *Our Game* goes on sale. Asda, the supermarket group, is promising to sell it at half price, leaving traditional booksellers struggling to compete.

Our Game is the first popular novel to be published outside the Net Book Agreement, the price fixing mechanism used by major publishers since the beginning of the century. Hodder Headline, Le Carré's publisher, quit the agreement at the beginning of the year, and although the company has set a recommended retail price of £16.99 for the hardback, it is allowing retailers to sell at a discount.

Asda yesterday took the lead by announcing a price of £8.49. It has ordered 4,000 copies, its largest order for a hardback.

Dillons and John Menzies, two companies which have lobbied enthusiastically for the abolition of the net book agreement, are expected to sell the book for around £12.99.

But the discount war has been boycotted by many other retailers. W H Smith has reduced its order from 5,000 copies to 2,000, but Dillons' order has risen to 10,000.

Hodder has increased the print run of *Our Game* — which is about a Russian attack on an independent republic — to 185,000 compared with hardback sales of only 100,000 for *The Night Manager*, Le Carré's last novel.

Tim Hely-Hutchinson, Hodder's chairman, welcomed the impending free-for-all. "We are encouraging more competition in the book market because I believe the market can be expanded substantially. I would love to see our market gain the kind of growth that the US market has," he said. Many independent booksellers have said they will go out of business if the agreement ended.

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Universities fail to close class gap

By John O'Leary, Education Editor

THE rapid expansion of higher education over the past decade has made little impact on the middle classes' domination of university places, according to a report published today.

Two thirds of students at **the old universities and more than half of those at former polytechnics still come from the top two social classes, according to research by the Association of University Teachers. The mix has changed little since 1987.**

During the five years analysed by the union in *Higher education: preparing for the 21st century*, the number of students almost doubled. But the new opportunities for study were not taken up by sections of the population without a tradition of higher education. In the more prestigious old universities in 1992, almost 67 per cent of students came from the *top two social classes*, which account for a quarter of the population, compared with 69 per cent in 1987.

Equivalent figures were not available for the polytechnics, where vocational courses attracted a higher proportion of working class students. But in 1992, when they had become new universities, the proportion of students from the top two social classes was more than 55 per cent.

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Tory leadership tries to quell poll panic on back benches

By Philip Webster, Political Editor

MICHAEL HESELTINE yesterday scorned suggestions that John Major should submit himself to an early leadership election in the aftermath of this week's expected Conservative rout in the council elections. Such a course would be stupid for the Prime Minister and for the Conservative Party, Mr Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, declared.

Tory party chiefs are braced for an outbreak of panic among Conservative MPs if poll results show an expected loss of up to 1,500 seats and prompt them to ponder their own chances of holding on to constituencies at the General Election. An attempt to gauge the level of support for a challenge is to be launched by Mr Major's enemies in the days after the local elections. If they secure a sufficient number of backers they are expected to ask for the contest to be brought forward from November.

Some ministers and MPs believe that Mr Major should take the challenge head-on and agree to a contest both to prevent speculation persisting for another six months and to kill the issue for good. However, it emerged yesterday that both Mr Major, and Sir Marcus Fox, chairman of the 1922 Committee, who would be in charge of any election, would oppose a move that some of Mr Major's supporters believe would be too great a gamble. Mr Heseltine would be the favourite to benefit if a leadership contest showed that the parliamentary party had lost faith in the Prime Minister.

However, Mr Heseltine dismissed the idea. Interviewed on the *The World this Weekend* on BBC Radio, he said: "All it would do is produce a media field day. It would be wonderful for you guys. It would be stupid for the Prime Minister and this country. We think that by the time we get to the next election people will recognise the real difference between John Major and Tony Blair, and that is that John Major has actually been tested in the storm of politics."

Heseltine: backing Major

Labour expect to make big gains on Thursday. Conservative strategists say it is inevitable that the leadership question will arise again, even though the pressure on Mr Major appears to have eased in recent weeks. A succession of Cabinet heavyweights is likely to take to the airwaves over the weekend to demand loyalty to Mr Major. He is planning a combative response similar to that after last year's European election losses.

A loyalist MP said yesterday: "It is very jittery again. On Friday morning Tory MPs will not be thinking about whether we can win the next election. Frankly that looks beyond us at the moment. But they will be looking at their own seats and whether they can survive. They will undoubtedly wonder yet again whether a change would make any difference."

Jeremy Hanley, the Conservative chairman, tried to dismiss talk of a challenge. "There's no need, I mean I don't know anybody who wants it," he said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Former MP denies cover-up for BA

British Airways and Sir Robert McCrindle, a former Tory MP, yesterday denied allegations that he had been paid to prevent damaging criticisms of the airline being made in parliament. The television programme *World in Action* will claim tonight that Sir Robert was taken on by a public relations consultancy which was paid thousands of pounds to meet his fees. BA says a £5,000 payment was made "in recompense" for Sir Robert losing his job as adviser to British Caledonian after BA took it over.

River deaths

Two people died when two pleasure boats collided on the Waveney about ten miles inland from Great Yarmouth yesterday. Two others pulled from the river were suffering from hypothermia. The boats are thought to have been hired locally.

Chemical alert

More than 1,500 residents were evacuated from their homes after a chemical alert at Huyton in Liverpool on Saturday evening when a nitrogen tank at a heating plant shifted on its foundations. The area was made safe within a few hours.

Body in sea

An air-sea rescue search for the pilot of a light aircraft, last heard of reporting engine trouble over the sea, was called off yesterday after a body was found in the water. The plane lost radio contact *15 miles* east of Clacton, Essex, on Saturday.

Holocaust plea

A national Holocaust museum should be set up to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the *Shoah*, the Chief Rabbi, Dr Jonathan Sacks, told people attending a Holocaust Day ceremony in Hyde Park yesterday.

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14 big winners

Last week's rollover National Lottery may have created 14 new millionaires. Each winning ticket gets a £1,355,975 share from the £18,983,650 jackpot, said Camelot, the organiser. The prize money totalled £42 million.

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NHS under intolerable strain, says Beckett

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Correspondent

THE rapid pace of hospital and bed closures is putting intolerable strain on the NHS, Labour said yesterday. At least 245 hospitals have been shut since 1990 and almost 36,000 beds lost in the *three years 1990-91 to 1993-94*, according to statistics which Labour said the Government had refused to provide.

The figures, which were "unearthed by the House of Commons library over five months", show that one in *seven of all hospital beds* was closed in the three years. The biggest reduction, of 24 per cent, was in beds for the mentally ill, reflecting the policy of community care.

Geriatric beds fell 18 per cent as the NHS sought to divest itself of long-term care, leaving patients to find places in nursing homes. The reduction in acute hospital beds was 6 per cent. However, the number of patients treated has risen as the average length of hospital stay has fallen.

Margaret Beckett, Shadow Health Secretary, said: "When waiting lists are at record levels, bed cuts and hospital closures have brought the NHS to breaking point in many areas." She called for a reassessment of the pace and scale of closures.

US banks charge a high price for personal touch

By James Bone and Joe Joseph

BRITISH banks are more bewildered than bewitched by an American idea for chastising customers who insist on face-to-face contact with bank tellers even though there may be a perfectly good cash machine outside: from now on these awkward customers will be fined for branch visits until they learn a lesson.

First to abandon the softly-softly approach of nudging account holders towards electronic banking is First National Bank of Chicago. America's *tenth-largest bank* has decided to administer the financial equivalent of electric-shock therapy to account-holders by charging $3 (£1.86) for a visit to a clerk.

"This is the wave of the future," Leo Mullin, president of the bank's holding company, said. The aim is to save money. Face-to-face branch visits cost a bank up to 12 times as much as a cash-machine transaction, which can itself be four times as expensive as using a telephone banking system.

First National's customers, distressed at being reconditioned like laboratory rats, are wondering if the bank robbers have got on the wrong side of the counter. Consumer groups are warning of a revolt when the scheme is introduced in the bank's 80 branches in Chicago. Pauline Hedges, of the British Bankers' Association, found the idea audacious. "It's typically American. We are still in the business of providing what our customers want. It is the customers in Britain who are demanding more cash machines and telephone banking services, but there will always be the cuddly clerk behind the counter. I can't see British banks doing away with face-to-face encounters and I can't see them charging for them."

At National Westminister Bank, a spokeswoman said: "I guess it's an interesting development, but penalising customers is not something we are planning as far as I know."

First National's levy is a more brazen version of penalties already imposed by some American rivals. Bank of America and the Wells Fargo bank offer discounts to customers who agree to use cash machines or telephone banking systems rather than disturb their tellers. These customers pay $2 each time they transgress and visit a bank clerk.

Under the Chicago bank's scheme, all customers could have six free visits a month to a teller, but only clients with more than $2,500 (£1,550) in their account would enjoy unlimited human contact.

Subsidy report shock for rail sell-off

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gation of the finances of privatisation yet carried out and, if published in its draft form, could prove highly damaging to the Government.

The committee's investigation was launched in December after two of its advisers said that lack of funds could lead to the closure of nearly half of the 9,000-mile British Rail passenger network. The 11 MPs on the committee have since questioned virtually every key railway figure during the course of its inquiry, including Sir Bob Reid, the former BR chairman, Bob Horton, chairman of Railtrack, Roger Salmon, the rail franchise director, and John Swift, the rail regulator.

The committee, chaired by Paul Channon, the former Transport Secretary, will meet to consider the draft report on May 10. If members agree to its wording it will be published a few weeks later.

The committee has a reputation for producing unanimous reports, and Mr Channon, who is said to be deeply sceptical of the way privatisation has been structured, will be keen to preserve its cross-party consensus if possible.

The six Tory members are said to have been deeply disturbed by some of the expert evidence they heard during the inquiry, and some fear that privatisation could up as an embarrassing shambles.

The political sensivity of privatisation, however, means that the Tories, who include Peter Bottomley, another former Transport Minister, may come under intense pressure from party whips to water down the conclusions of the report.

This will hold up publication for weeks or even months while Labour and Tory MPs dispute the wording of the report line by line. It has been deliberately phrased, however, so that direct criticisms of the Government are kept to a minimum.

The conclusions nevertheless raise fundamental concerns about whether rail privatisation can work, and also put the direct costs of *breaking up and selling off the* network at about £200 million.

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Legal chiefs at loggerheads

Taylor and Mackay clash over secrecy of juries

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

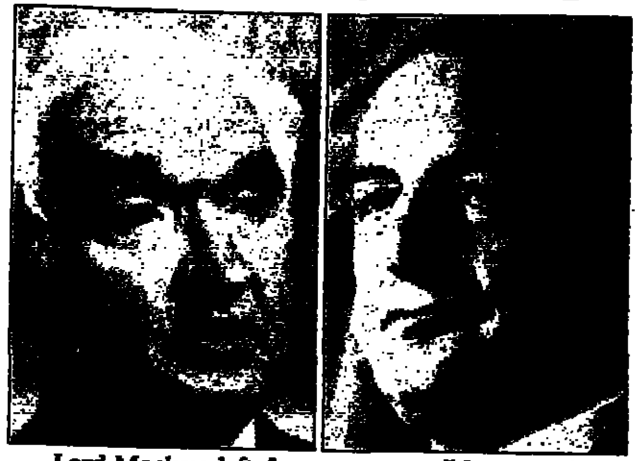
TWO of the country's leading judicial figures are at loggerheads over proposals to bring the secret workings of the jury room into the open.

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, is fiercely opposed to a change in the law favoured by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, which could enable research to be conducted into how juries reach their verdicts.

Lord Mackay has the backing of the Serious Fraud Office (SFO), which wants to find out how computer technology could simplify the task of jurors in complex fraud trials. Lord Taylor opposes any such research into the cornerstone of the criminal justice system as dangerous and likely to lead to criminals seeking to overturn their convictions on the basis of disclosures about jurors' thinking.

Discussions in the jury room are considered to be sacrosanct. Research is prohibited under the Contempt of Court Act 1981 although the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice in 1993 recommended a change in the law.

In an interview with *The Times*, Lord Mackay said: "I personally would be in favour of allowing responsible research into what happens. We will have to wait to see if we can develop an acceptable system and then the necessary legislation."



Lord Mackay, left: favours responsible research
Lord Taylor: no interference with jury secrecy

Lord Mackay added: "I believe it would be possible to do something consistent with the interests of justice and still enable us to get more help about the sort of information juries require."

However the Lord Chief Justice, in a statement to *The Times*, warned against any such move. "The lay jury is the foundation of our common law and nothing must be allowed to interfere with the confidentiality of its deliberations. I would view with serious concern any proposal which might allow verdicts to be challenged on grounds of what is subsequently alleged to have occurred in the jury room." He added that recent cases had shown that convicted criminals had already considered such tactics in mounting appeals. In one case last October, Stephen Young successfully won a retrial after being convicted by a jury at Hove Crown Court of two murders, because it came to light that four of the jurors who were wavering about the verdict had used an Ouija board in an attempt to consult one of his victims.

Although that was done in a hotel room rather than the jury room itself, it is the kind of appeal that Lord Taylor fears could become commonplace if jurors are found not to have understood evidence. Young was subsequently reconvicted at a second trial.

The Royal Commission on Criminal Justice conducted general research into how jurors understood and remembered evidence, their opinion of the judge's performance and counsel, and their experience of jury service. It found "there was a minority of cases where jurors and even whole juries were said to be confused" and that "this should be the matter for further research".

The SFO recently conducted the first tentative experiment in jury research by giving jurors in a long fraud trial a questionnaire on how helpful they had found the use of computer technology. The case, in which Roy Wharton, chairman of Castlegate Securities, was jailed for five fears over a £43 million mortgage fraud, involved unprecedented use of computer graphics and evidence. But the findings of the questionnaire could not be published.

In a letter to *The Times* George Staple, director of the SFO, said publication would have been contempt of court. He had "consistently" supported the lifting of the ban as recommended by the Royal Commission, and he said he was "hopeful before long it might be possible to make progress on this".

In its report the Royal Commission favoured change in the law so "that informed debate can take place rather than argument based only on surmise and anecdote".

ROSS PARRY

Angela Donohoe, who died in a car crash. The driver fled from the scene

Pregnant woman

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POLICE are hunting the former boyfriend of a pregnant woman who was killed with her unborn child when a car in which she was a passenger crashed into a wall.

The driver fled from the scene after the crash in Guiseley, Leeds. The family of Angela Donohoe, 18, who was seven months pregnant, believe she may have been picked up by Andrew Whitehead, against whom she had taken out two injunctions to stop him from pestering her.

The court action was taken to prevent Mr Whitehead, 21, from pestering her after the recent breakdown of their relationship. A second passenger in the back seat was injured in the crash early on Saturday. The man, Jason Malloy, was taken to Leeds General Hospital.

Miss Donohoe, a hotel maid, had recently separated from Mr Whitehead, the father of her child, and took legal action when he continued to try to see her.

She went to a nightclub on Friday and Mr Whitehead was seen outside. Miss Donohoe's family said she had left the nightclub alone to walk the half-mile home.

Terry Donohoe, 28, her brother, said: "Angela had lived with Andrew but she had enough of his violence. She returned home before Christmas. He was very, very possessive and he was putting her though hell."

I feel like a fool, Fry confesses on the Internet

By Richard Duce

STEPHEN FRY has admitted that he feels a fool after his vanishing act from the London stage in February.

The confession was apparently made to two brothers in Wales who found themselves communicating with the comic actor on the Internet, the international computer network. Paul and Craig Hooper, from Barry, South Glamorgan, say they have "spoken" with Fry several times since he has been in California.

When they asked him about his disappearance from the play *Cellmates*, he replied: "I feel like a fool, but I just had to get away. I'll be back in a week or two, tail between my legs. I just felt the need to be away and was rather fraught about my inadequacy in the play I had opened in.

"I suppose it was no more than a boring old mid-life crisis. However much one tells oneself that everything's dandy, those old black moods still come flying. I don't want to turn into a happy-clappy therapy convert, but I don't want to be miserable either."

Craig Hooper, 23, said: "We link up with people all over the world but we were amazed to get Stephen Fry on the other end. I couldn't let the opportunity go by without talking to him about his feelings. He said he has been using the Internet a lot while he had been in California.

"He calls it his net friendship and says he has been getting a lot of support from other kind strangers who he has linked up with."

Fry, 37, disappeared in February soon after *Cellmates* opened to bad reviews. He fled to Belgium and then on to France. He returned for treatment at a London clinic before going to California, where he is still in hiding.

The brothers say they have "spoken" to Fry about half a dozen times. Paul Hooper, 20, said: "Stephen and others like us just go on the Internet if we feel like a chat. We talk about films and all sorts of things not just about his troubles. He is a really nice man."

The brothers say they have Fry's personal E-mail address, the number on which to send him computer messages, but have promised to keep it a secret.

Fry's enthusiasm for the Internet is well known. In an interview before he vanished he said his Macintosh computer was the "current love of his life". He is a particular fan of the "Newsgroups" where users debate and comment with each other.

Lawyers plan rerun of Clegg shooting

By Nicholas Watt

SUPPORTERS of Lee Clegg, the paratrooper jailed for the murder of a passenger in a joyrider's car, are planning this week to reconstruct the events that led to the fatal shooting in West Belfast.

Clegg's legal team is hoping to prove that he could not have fired the shot that killed Karen Reilly on the nationalist Glen Road in September 1990.

Nationalists condemned the reconstruction, which is due to take place on the Glen Road. Joe Hendron, the SDLP MP for West Belfast, said: "It is sick and deeply offensive. It will cause very deep hurt to the families of the victims, who live close to the scene."

Clegg, a member of 3 Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, was convicted at Belfast Crown Court in 1993 of the murder of Reilly, 18, from West Belfast. She died when he fired four bullets at a stolen Vauxhall Astra as it sped through a checkpoint. Martin Peake, 17, the driver, was also killed.

Clegg's supporters hope to show that there was not enough time him to have fired a fourth shot with precision. Experts will carry out forensic tests on the SA80 rifle used by him and his colleagues and on a car similar to the Astra driven by Peake.

Material girl desperately seeking success on film

From Giles Whittell
in Los Angeles

MADONNA CICCONE, the singer and poseuse best known by her first name, is anxious to heat up her lukewarm acting career and to this end has changed agents for the second time in barely a month.

Madonna, whose recent films have been flops, left the William Morris Agency on Wednesday and signed up with a team of no fewer than seven top executives at International Creative Management. She has now been represented by the heads of each of Hollywood's top three talent agencies within the space of six weeks.

The industry that lives off the multimillion-dollar deals it makes for America's movie stars is small, in-bred and ferociously competitive. Madonna stunned it last month by leaving its biggest player, the Creative Artists' Agency, after ten years.

Arnold Rifkin, chief executive of William Morris, had persuaded her in an intense three-hour meeting that he would be able to revive her flagging film career. Instead, according to Thursday's *Daily Variety*, he failed to kindle any "chemistry" with his new charge, who began manoeuvring to replace him within days of their meeting. Unnamed sources also told the trade paper that Mr Rifkin had irritated Madonna by failing to negotiate a royalty for her on the album intended to accompany her next film, *Evita*.

Madonna in London

Madonna won cautiously favourable reviews for *Desperately Seeking Susan* in 1985, and for her role opposite Warren Beatty in *Dick Tracy* five years later. But her casting as a 1930s missionary in her second film, *Shanghai Surprise* (1986), was a good deal less apt. Despite featuring Sean Penn, with whom she was then involved, as her costar, the film bombed in cinemas.

More recently, *Body of Evidence* failed at the American box office despite, or perhaps because of, sexually explicit scenes.

Re-establishing her acting credentials in mainstream America may not be easy. Madonna lost millions of fans in a single appearance on David Letterman's late-night chat show last year by uttering 13 expletives, blowing cigar smoke in her host's face and advocating urine as a cure for athlete's foot. It was seen as the start of a slide in her global popularity.

The struggling actress's determination to succeed in film appears to go against commercial logic. Although her latest series of London concerts passed off with none of the mobbing by fans that accompanied earlier ones, Madonna has not lost her knack of selling records. Her latest album, *Bedtime Stories*, has sold more than three million copies.

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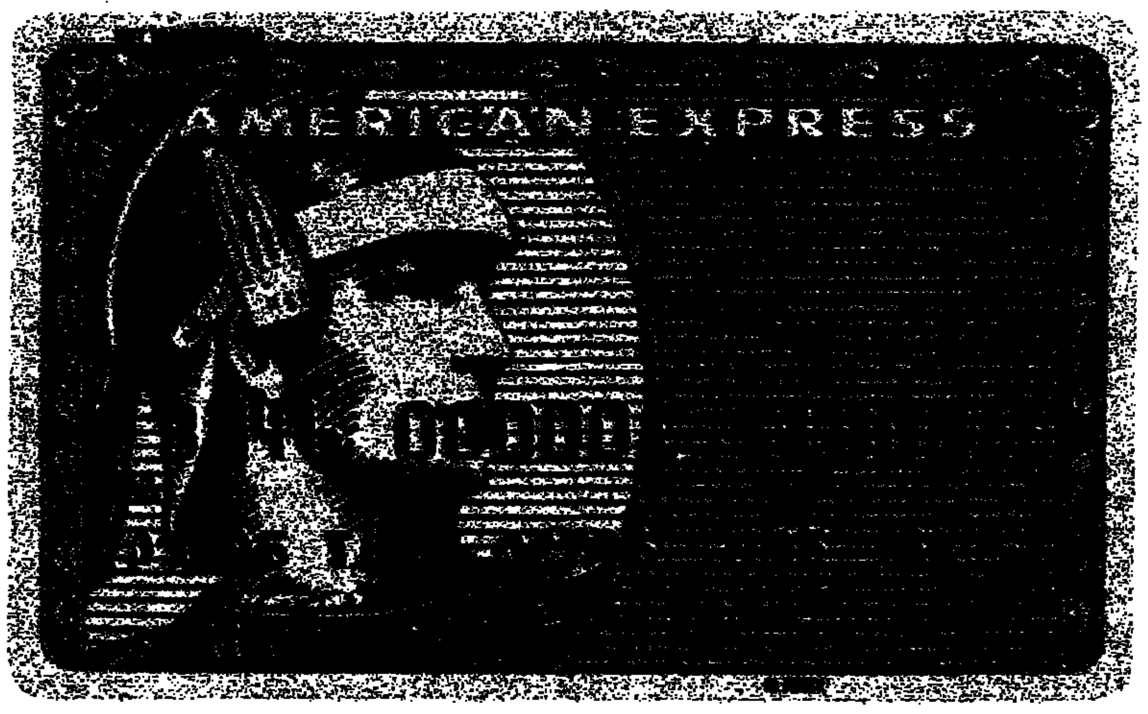

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Duke warns of dangers from rising population

By Ruth Gledhill, religion correspondent

THE Duke of Edinburgh issued an apocalyptic warning yesterday that unless mankind addressed the problem of its ever-increasing population the world could explode like a balloon.

The Duke, who was addressing a world summit on religion and conservation, gave warning that the world was in a critical state.

Speaking at Windsor Castle, he said: "The only significant factor that coincides with the deterioration of the planet's health over the last century is the dramatic increase in the world's human population. The key issue for the conservation of our natural environment is to find ways of protecting it from the consequences of the human population explosion."

At the meeting, where nine religious leaders will draw up a blueprint for what each faith can do to tackle global environmental problems, he said: "I cannot emphasise too strongly that the world is in a critical state and, whatever it may look like from the comfort of an apparently secure urban perspective, time for the natural environment is running out, and it is running out fast.

"If you are in the process of blowing up a balloon there is nothing to warn you that it is about to burst. We are stretching the Earth's systems like a small child blowing up a balloon. If it goes on blowing, the crucial question is, when is it going to burst?"

The Duke said it was not for him to suggest how religious faiths should respond to concern about the state of the planet, but he could propose certain basic principles. He called for humans to "interfere" to regulate imbalances created by humanity itself.

The Duke did not refer to last year's Cairo population conference, which ended with agreement on urgent steps to educate women, improve access to family planning and stabilise the world's burgeoning population. The Vatican, which opposes artificial contraception, accused the conference action plan of promoting extra-marital sex, abortion and homosexuality.

The Duke said: "Make no mistake, the health of our planet and the number and diversity of its living species are under very serious threat. The natural systems of the atmosphere around the planet, and its rivers, lakes and oceans, are being polluted by human and toxic effluents to an alarming extent."

The religious leaders are reviewing developments since the 1986 interfaith event at Assisi, when for the first time five of the world's leading religions issued declarations setting out their commitment to conservation. The summit is expected to end with the launch of an international research institute on religions and conservation, and a foundation to fund religious activity on conservation.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, will today chair the first session of a two-day private conference at the summit, which ends on Wednesday at Westminster Abbey. Other delegates include the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan and Rabbi Arthur Hertsberg of the World Jewish Congress.

The summit, sponsored by the World Wide Fund for Nature, the Pilkington Trust and MOA, a Japanese cultural foundation, was called at the suggestion of the Duke, who is International President of WWF. Calling for stricter control of poaching and trade in endangered species, he said: "If this is not done, there is a serious risk that the present high rate at which species are becoming extinct will reach dangerous proportions."

He said the extinction of a single species of wild plant or animal life was "far more significant" than the death of a number of individuals of a domestic or wild species not threatened with extinction.

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Carey: to chair private conference

PETER TREVNOR

Indomitable as ever, Winston and Clementine Churchill, in the grounds of Chartwell, Kent, sit out the furore over the sale of his papers

I may receive none of £12.5m, says Churchill grandson

WINSTON CHURCHILL, MP, said last night that he might not get a penny from the £12.5 million sale of his grandfather's papers.

The Tory MP for Davyhulme told the Press Association that he agreed with his 82-year-old cousin Peregrine Churchill, one of the two trustees of the Churchill archives, who had said: "The trustees have 100 per cent discretion as to what to do with this money. I keep all the options open. We may cut him off without a penny."

Mr Churchill would not comment on whether he would be making a claim on the trust for any amount. "There are other beneficiaries — how it is distributed is entirely within the discretion of the trust."

The trustees acting for the Churchill family has already received a first instalment of £2.5 million.

Earlier Chris Smith, Labour's National Heritage spokesman, said the rules on ownership of ministerial documents should be tightened. Inadequate guidelines on state documents had let the Churchill family intimidate the Government. In a letter to the Prime Minister, Mr Smith said the rules should be clarified. "All papers relating to someone's period in office which deal with matters of State must be the property of the nation. A departing prime minister could legitimately borrow papers to write memoirs, but they should be in the ownership of the nation."

William Rees-Mogg, page 16

BT tops table of advert spenders

INTENSE competition in the terrestrial and mobile telephone industry saw British Telecom spend a record £44 million on advertising last year — more than any other company in Britain.

The "It's Good to Talk" television advertisements, starring Bob Hoskins, cost BT £25 million while Phoneday and other business campaigns cost £19 million. Mercury One-2-One Phones spent £8 million while Hutchison Orange spent £12.5 million, Cellnet £9 million and Nokia £3.3 million, according to a survey of 300 companies in *Campaign* magazine.

Hoskins, whose contract with BT has been extended to April next year, made 16 commercials for BT last year for a reported fee of £500,000. Dominic Mills, editor of *Campaign*, said: "BT have faced a tremendous amount of competition in the past year, not only in the terrestrial market but also in the booming mobile sector, forcing BT to drastically increase the amount it spent on advertising."

BT said: "We faced a very large amount of competition and this is what the Hoskins campaign was all about. We are in a very competitive market now and the whole idea is to widen that market by persuading people to use the phone more often."

BIG SPENDERS

The top ten of 300 spending brands, showing the brands that received most advertising support in 1994

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1	BT (call stimulation)	44.31
2	McDonald's	31.32
3	Tesco (exc petrol)	30.26
4	Currys	27.15
5	Boots	26.50
6	Sainsbury's	25.88
7	Comet	24.11
8	Safeway (exc petrol)	22.94
9	B&Q	21.12
10	MFI	20.81

MoD sale of houses questioned

By Nigel Williamson

THE Ministry of Defence is refusing to disclose how much it received for nearly 3,000 houses sold in the past two years, amid fears that speculators are making a killing on developing surplus government property.

The MoD said the amount received was "commercial and in confidence" and there was no monitoring of prices at which houses were subsequently sold. Since 1993 the ministry has sold 2,828 houses, some to individuals and housing associations but most to property developers.

Nicholas Soames, the *Armed Forces Minister*, has told Derek Fatchett, a Labour defence spokesman, that he is not prepared to disclose the prices of any properties.

Mr Fatchett has written to the Prime Minister, who replied that the proceeds "represent the best possible return for the taxpayer".

Activists occupy disused oil rig

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

GREENPEACE activists occupied a North Sea oil rig 120 miles north east of Shetland yesterday, vowing to prevent the Government from allowing it to be dumped at sea.

The Brent Spar, a disused oil storage platform weighing 14,500 tons and belonging to Shell, was used to store oil from the Brent Field. Pipelines now carry the oil ashore and the platform has been unoccupied since 1991.

Tim Eggar, the Energy Minister, gave approval in February for the Brent Spar to be towed to deep water in the north east Atlantic and dumped. Greenpeace says that the platform contains toxic materials and that the Government originally promised that redundant North Sea facilities would be removed, not dumped.

Greenpeace said the occupiers would be prepared to stay on board "until September, if necessary". The assault was made by four climbers using ropes, winches and steel ladders, from the Greenpeace ship *Moby Dick*. A Shell supply vessel observed the occupation and, according to Greenpeace, harrassed the *Moby Dick* and the inflatables used by the assault group.

Greenpeace says that Shell's own figures show that the Brent Spar contains 100 tons of hazardous materials including chemicals, waste oil, heavy metals and radioactive materials brought up with the oil and left as scale. They say that these would cause lasting damage to sea life while the hulk of the platform itself would be a hazard to fishermen and other sea users.

Shell UK Exploration and Production confirmed that the activists were on the platform. "The situation is being monitored and police have been notified," the company said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

FBI 'must not be model for Europol'

The FBI should not be the model for any future European police force, according to a Lords committee. The European Police Office, or Europol, should have no powers of arrest and prosecution and must limit its role to the exchange of information between European forces, a report of the Select Committee on the European Communities says.

It warns of the dangers Europol could pose for individual liberties and calls for greater public accountability and rigorous controls. European heads of government, meeting this month in Cannes, southern France, will publish a convention setting up Europol.

Asthma survey highlights risk

Millions of workers are at risk of contracting asthma because their employers do nothing to protect them, a survey by the National Asthma Campaign suggests.

Four fifths of small firms contacted in a sample had taken no steps to reduce the risks, even though they used materials known to sensitise people to asthma. Nearly three fifths did not know of occupational asthma; of the rest, fewer than half had tried to cut the risk.

Viscount Thurso dies aged 72

Viscount Thurso, Lord Lieutenant of Caithness and a close friend of the Queen Mother, died aged 72 at his home in Thurso on Saturday afternoon after being confined to his bed for ten days with an infection.

Robin Sinclair, a Liberal peer, became the second Lord Thurso in 1970, succeeding his father Archibald Sinclair, who was a member of the War Cabinet. His heir, John Sinclair, was flying home from France yesterday.

Monks chart their success

Benedectine monks at Ampleforth Abbey in North Yorkshire today present their offering to the growing market for religious music.

They have joined Classic FM to produce a CD of Gregorian chants, *Vision Of Peace — The Way of the Monk*. The plainsong chants chart the stages in the life of a Benedictine from his first day to the taking of vows, and are accompanied by a commentary from Father Justin Price, Prior of Ampleforth.

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Clause 4 debate 'illustrates a change in the culture of party's politics'

We've shown we can win trust, says Blair

By Philip Webster and Philip Bassett

LABOUR should never ignore its history but neither should it become a prisoner of it, John Prescott, the deputy leader, declared on Saturday shortly before he and Tony Blair won their six-month battle to scrap the old Clause Four.

Its replacement, committing Labour to a mixed economy with a thriving private sector and high-quality public services, and calling for power, wealth and opportunity to be "in the hands of the many, not the few" was carried by 65.23 per cent of the vote to 34.77 per cent. There was an overwhelming 90 per cent support among the constituency parties, which had initially seemed cool about the change.

Afterwards Mr Blair, in an emotional vote of thanks, told delegates: "If sometimes I seem a little over hasty and over urgent it is for one reason and for one reason only — I cannot stand these people, these Tories, being in government over our country. The people of Britain do not deserve this Government. They deserve something better, and today we have shown we can win their trust to provide something better."

In his speech opening the debate Mr Blair had covered traditional Tory territory with a plea for "one nation". He declared: "Today a new Labour Party is being born. Our task now is nothing less than the rebirth of our nation."

He had not come into the Labour Party to join a pressure group. "I didn't become leader of this party to lead a protest movement. Power without principle is barren. But principle without power is futile. This is a party of government or it is nothing and I will lead it as a party of government."

Mr Blair won the vote without the backing of two of Labour's largest affiliate unions, the transport workers and Unison. But the debate illustrated what he called a change in the culture of the politics of the Labour party.

Arthur Scargill, for so long the darling of Labour conferences, was hissed and slow-handclapped when he tried to argue that the conference did not have the legal right to change the constitution. Rodney Bickerstaffe, associate general secretary of Unison, was coolly received when he said that John Smith, the former Labour leader, would have won the next election without changing its commitment to common ownership.

John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union, said that while it was no secret his union would have written the new clause differently "we are not prepared to throw away the political advantage that Labour has gained by self-indulgent gestures which could ruin the election chances of this party".

Afterwards, the defeated union leaders said they would fully accept the outcome. Bill Morris, general secretary of the TGWU, said: "It's certainly the end of the matter as far as Clause Four is concerned. We now need to move on to develop the policy for the real world."

Mr Bickerstaffe said the decision was as clear as any Labour party conference decision. "It's the constitution of my party now, and that's where we are."

Prescott: turning point

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Labour fights for toehold in Ashdown's patch

By James Landale, political reporter

LABOUR has used the local elections to launch Operation Toehold, an attempt to gain ground in areas such as Yeovil, Paddy Ashdown's constituency, where they have little council representation.

Not only can the Somerset market town boast Mr Ashdown, the party leader, as its MP but also Graham Watson, one the Liberal Democrats' two representatives in Strasbourg, as MEP for Somerset and North Devon. The party has a majority of 25 on the county council, 23 on South Somerset District Council, and is so embarrassed at holding all 24 seats on the town council that six incumbents are not standing in this week's elections to give the opposition a chance.

Here the Tories are the party of opposition; Labour has only two county councillors and has not had been represented on the district council since 1983. At the last general election, the Labour candidate came third with just 9.6 per cent of the vote.

Last week Judith Church, Labour MP for Dagenham, east London, was out on the streets of Yeovil, meeting local businessmen and party activists.

She was the latest in a series of Labour MPs and frontbenchers to visit the South West as part of Operation Toehold. National party organisers have moved to the South and South West to coordinate the attack and have succeeded in putting up more candidates than ever before in the Isle of Wight, Test Valley, Purbeck, Poole, East Hampshire, East Dorset, South Somerset, the New Forest, North Dorset and Christchurch

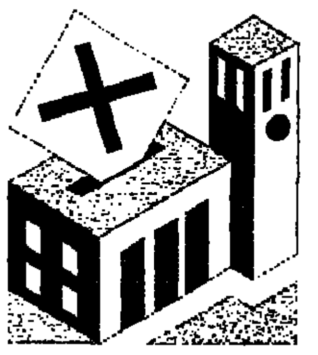
The move is to give people the chance to vote Labour where previously there were no candidates, to capitalise on the "Blair effect" and to take anti-government votes away from the Liberal Democrats on Thursday.

"Labour is making steady progress in council by-elections across the country but especially here," Ms Church said. "It is Labour that is taking the disaffected Tory vote. In the past they have gone to the Liberal Democrats but they are coming to Labour now."

The Liberal Democrats are sceptical. Simon Thompson, the party's agent in Yeovil, believes Labour risks splitting the opposition vote, saving some Tory seats.

Les Farris, a Liberal Democrat spokesman, said: "Labour is trying to use the Blair factor to parachute in and pick up this great surge of support. From what we are hearing, there is no visible surge anywhere."

☐ Ken Jones, 44, a Liberal Democrat candidate for the new Cardiff council, who was disclosed to have more than 60 convictions for fraud and theft, has gone missing, his wife reported yesterday.



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Scottish dukes offer to dispose of gallery dispute

■ Should unseen Scottish pictures go to a new gallery in Glasgow or Edinburgh? Neither, say two aristocrats. The paintings should be spread across Scotland. Magnus Linklater reports

TWO Scottish dukes, who between them own some of the finest paintings in Europe, have reopened the fierce debate about a new gallery of Scottish art.

The Dukes of Sutherland and Buccleuch, with some of the most distinguished figures in the Scottish art world, have written to the Scottish Secretary suggesting that the rich collection of Scottish pictures currently held in store and hidden from the public should be lent out to galleries around Scotland rather than housed only in Glasgow.

The row over where to house the collection has led to open rivalry between Glasgow and Edinburgh, with the final decision edging in Glasgow's favour.

The dukes' proposal is supported by the Scottish Arts Council and the Scottish Tourist Board, but it is likely to infuriate Glasgow's city fathers.

At the same time, it offers the Scottish Secretary a temptingly cheap alternative to the options so far put forward by the trustees of the National Galleries of Scotland. Their favourite scheme, but also the most expensive to run, is a Glasgow equivalent to Paris's Musée d'Orsay, exhibiting mainly 19th and 20th-century Scottish and European paintings in the old Sheriff Court or the Post Office building on George Square.

Both sides at this stage are tiptoeing round the issue. Dr Colin Thompson, a former director of galleries and prime mover of the new proposal with the art expert Martin Huggins, said yesterday: "We are not concerned with any comparison with other schemes. Nor is it for us to decide which should be implemented."

Angus Grossart, chairman of the trustees, said diplomatically: "This offers a new dimension to how to get pictures out of store and on display. I wouldn't see it as a substitute for other options but as an addition."

Nevertheless, the new idea has already caused much intaking of breath in the gallery world. The fact that the letter has been signed by the Duke of Sutherland is seen as highly significant. His family has lent the National Gallery in Edinburgh some of its most fabulous pictures: three Raphaels, a Titian and seven Poussins among them. They are regarded as central to the entire collection.

"*Without the Sutherland* pictures this would be just another collection," one insider said. "With them, it is among the most important in Europe."

The Duke of Sutherland said: "It seems the ideal solution to me. Glasgow has got a lot of other things and I think that dispersing it around the country would be a good idea. It seems sensible and of course a much cheaper solution." The Duke of Buccleuch, who owns a number of *Old* Masters, including a Rembrandt and a Leonardo, and who is a frequent lender to galleries, said yesterday: "I think this would be a constructive way of making available a lot of pictures which are at present out of sight. It would be acceptable to many different parts of the country, and the lower running costs would be an important consideration."

The Dukes of Buccleuch and Sutherland, whose collections include Raphaels, a Titian, a Rembrandt and a Leonardo

The new proposal come after the dispute that blew up when the trustees proposed moving the contents of the National Portrait Gallery in Edinburgh to a site in Glasgow to form the core of a new collection. After public protests, this was finally rejected last year by Ian Lang, the Scottish Secretary. Instead, several options, all favouring Glasgow, were put forward by the trustees. Those are still being considered.

The letter containing the new proposal also carries the signatures not only of the dukes and Dr Thompson, but Lord Prosser, a senior judge, Professor Hamish Miles, a former trustee, and Professor Martin Kemp, who has been on the board of both the National Galleries of Scotland and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

It suggests a system of loans lasting a minimum of two years to local authority art galleries in Inverness, Perth, Dundee, Stirling and Dumfries *among others*. "The virtue of the scheme would lie in dispersal rather than concentration," it says. "We would come near to embodying Neil MacGregor's description of the *British* concept of a National Gallery as 'the private collection of every citizen'."

Last night the Scottish Office said that it awaited the recommendations of the trustees, and that all options would be considered. Mr Grossart summed up the views of his trustees by saying that it was they who would make the final decision: "Life's not just about juggling plates," he said. "Someone's got to set the table."

Marinas turn into fortresses to thwart opportunists tempted by rich pickings afloat

Police try to turn the tide against boat thieves

By Edward Gorman

POLICE are pressing the Home Office to create a new classification of marine crime to help to combat growing theft from yachts and power boats.

Equipment worth millions of pounds is stolen from marinas every year, much of it ending up in "boat jumbles", the nautical equivalent of the car boot sale. The South Coast marinas are the worst hit. In *Dorset the number of cases* investigated has risen by 54 per cent in the past four years.

At present, crime associated with yachts and pleasure craft, whether committed on the water or in boat yards, is grouped with ordinary land-based offences, making it difficult for police to gauge patterns and trends accurately. Sergeant Mike Stephenson, who heads the Poole marine police unit, one of the busiest in the country, will call on the Government to implement a separate statistical classification at the National Marine *Police Officers' conference* at Port Solent next month.

"The difficulty we have is that there is no national or local method of using statistics to analyse marine crime allocated by the Home Office," he said. *He estimates that* £2 million of gear was stolen from boats in Dorset last year. The figure for Poole Harbour, where up to 4,500 yachts and motorboats are moored, was about £650,000. The recovery rate was two-thirds.

One recent victim was William Tracy, whose £40,000 Sunseeker power boat, *Déjà-vu*, was broken into last month as she lay off the quay in her berth at Universal Marina in Hamble, Hampshire. Mr Tracy, 45, a company director, believes thieves planned to take *Déjà-vu* up river and strip her of her valuables ready for sale at the Beaulieu boat jumble later the same week.

Tracy: £14,000 repair bill

ADRIAN BROOKS

Boats in storage at Poole Harbour. An estimated £2 million of equipment was stolen from marinas in Dorset last year despite tighter security.

The gang smashed through the cabin door and hot-wired the engines before crashing the boat into the pontoon and running her aground on a mud and gravel bank 30 feet from her berth. The thieves then abandoned her, leaving Mr Tracy a £14,000 repair bill. He said: "With an open-cockpit boat you are very vulnerable. They can get under the cover and do what they like."

Sergeant Stephenson's team operates from *Alarm*, a 33ft launch, and high-powered rigid inflatables and jetskis. It investigated 162 crimes in 1991. Last year it was 250. Many other offences were either reported too late or considered too trivial to warrant a full investigation.

The main problem is not theft of boats but thefts from them, with opportunist thieves taking advantage of flimsy hatches on most craft and the isolated nature of many moorings. They will take anything they can carry but the most popular items are navigational equipment, such as VHF radios, satellite and land-based positioning systems, radar sets, echo sounders and logs. Also high on the list are powerful outboard motors and dinghies.

Sergeant Stephenson said: "We can't show evidence that stuff is stolen to order for boat jumbles, but there is little doubt stolen property does appear at them. The problem is identifying it as stolen property." In Poole, the police have initiated two crime prevention schemes, Shore Watch, which is like a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, involving volunteers whose of or home overlooks harbour or moorings, and the Marina Lookout Scheme, through which yacht owners register their boats and equipment with the police.

"The boat most likely to be attacked is one that looks both insecure and vulnerable by its location," Sergeant Stephenson said.

"If you are in a well-patrolled, well-secured marina, there is every chance your boat will be alright. If you are on a remote, swinging mooring, there is more chance of theft."

Cobbs Quay marina, just across the water from the police headquarters, is typical of many on the South Coast. It is having to spend increasing amounts on security. The marina, which has about 850 yachts, is about to install gates with combination locks at the head of each pontoon. It already has 24-hour security, lighting in the yards which switches on when people move among the boats, an automatic barrier at the main entrance and security cameras.

Use of pig organs for transplant moves step closer

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

TRANSPLANTS from pigs to humans have come a step closer as a result of experiments in the United States. Surgeons at Duke University at Durham, North Carolina, have shown that genetically engineered hearts from pigs can survive for up to 30 hours when transplanted into baboons. Such transplants would normally be destroyed in an hour.

Dr John Fabre, of the Institute of Child Health in London, said the results were very encouraging. While the survival time of the transplanted hearts still falls well short of what would be needed before human experiments could begin, "a small additional nudge in the right direction could be very important", he said.

The Duke University team is one of several working towards "xenografts" — the *transplanting of organs* between species. Normally, such transplants are destroyed by the process of hyperacute rejection, turning black and dying within a few minutes to an hour.

To get round the problem, the scientists reports in *Nature Medicine*, they produced a breed of pigs containing human genes. These genes are responsible for producing the proteins that lie on the surface of cells and turn the rejection process off. Without them, the human body would quickly destroy its own organs.

Hearts from the transgenic pigs were then transplanted *into the necks of baboons.* They did not replace the baboons' hearts, but blood flowed through them and they continued pumping while the team monitored them. They showed much better survival than unmodified hearts, even if the best went on beating for only 30 hours.

The damage to the hearts when removed from the baboons was far less than that when unmodified pigs' hearts were used. The team, led by Dr Kenneth McCurry, says the results were encouraging, given the fairly low level of expression of the human proteins.

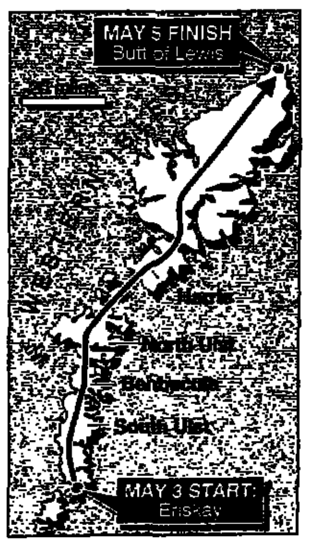
Dr Fabre, *in a commentary* in the journal, says that, given further improvements, he is fairly confident that the prevention of hyperacute rejection is well within reach. However, other rejection *processes also need to be mas*tered, he says, before such transplants become a clinical reality. He does not expect social and ethical considerations to prevent such transplants.

Ultimate race by high or low road

By Gillian Bowditch

A FORMER London merchant banker who runs a hotel on the Island of Harris in the Outer Hebrides with his wife is challenging 200 of the fittest people in Britain to a 200-mile race across the length of the Western Isles.

Ian Callaghan, 37, has devised an adventure sports race that cross-country runners say is the toughest in Britain. On Wednesday, 30 *teams of four athletes will set* off from the beach on the tiny island of Eriksay for a race lasting three days.



Competitors in the Western Isles Challenge have to cover 200 miles, including 30 miles of sea crossing, using only human-powered transport. The teams of four typically comprise a canoeist, a mountain cyclist and two fell runners. The race, initiated by Mr Callaghan last year, is sponsored by the makers of Evening Primose Oil.

Bereaved mother returns payment

By Nigel Hawkes

THE mother of a psychiatric patient who died after being held on the floor for 45 minutes has returned an £11,000 cheque to health officials.

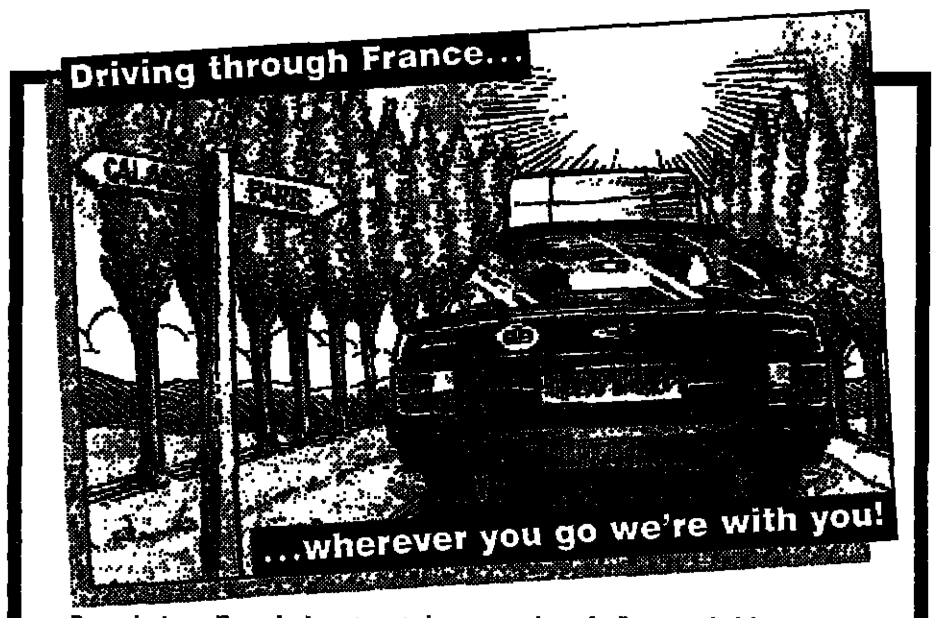
Barbara Falconer, 41, of Torquay, returned the money after being told she could have the out-of-court settlement only if she accepted that the hospital had not been negligent. She also said South Devon Healthcare Trust asked her to sign a document agreeing to say nothing about the settlement.

Her son David was 23 when he died last July. He lost consciousness and had a heart attack when five nurses held him down at the Edith Martin Centre, where he was an inpatient. An inquest found that the trust was partly to blame and highlighted that there was no duty doctor in residence. The jury returned a verdict of misadventure with neglect.

Mrs Falconer, an auxiliary nurse with the trust, said: "I cannot believe that they expect me to just pretend that David's death was no fault of theirs. I could not comply with their conditions. No amount of money could compensate for David's death."

Mrs Falconer and her husband want a public inquiry. They have written to Devon Police asking for trust chiefs *to be prosecuted.*

Tony Parr, chief executive of the trust, refused to comment. Torbay police also declined to respond. The centre is to be closed and replaced by a new unit at Torbay Hospital.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Blood test challenges taboo of the prostate

By Dr Thomas Stuttaford

MEDICAL BRIEFING

CANCER of the prostate kills more men in Western Europe and North America than any other malignancy other than cancer of the lung and is therefore the most lethal cancer in male non-smokers.

The subject has been taboo until recently, in part because the gland lies behind the perineum, hidden away around the outlet of the bladder between the root of the penis and the rectum.

The prostate, which produces much of the semen, can be felt only by rectal examination, which is neither a pleasant experience for the patient nor often a very revealing one for the doctor. Even the most gifted doctor's fingers are able to detect only 30 per cent of malignant nodules.

When the tumour is larger, diagnosis is easier as the whole gland feels hard. Normally the gland is the size of a walnut, it should feel smooth, soft and rubbery, like the end of the nose. If the gland feels hard or wooden, like boney knuckle, alarm signals are hoisted. Increase in size alone *is not necessarily a sign of* malignancy. Every man's prostate gets larger with increasing age, so that of the walnut-sized gland of youth feels more like a tangerine in some older men.

The difficulty for doctors has been to decide which prostates are enlarging benignly and which through cancerous change. The advent of a prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test devised by Dr William Catalona, a urologist from the Washington University School of Medicine in St Louis, has made this decision easier.

The PSA is a glycoprotein produced by the prostate to liquefy semen; although it increases in benign enlargement, this increase is much greater when malignancy is present. The PSA value between 0.5 and 4ng/ml is normal; between 4 and 10, the grey area, bears a 20 per cent chance that the man has cancer; if the reading is over 10 there is a 50 per cent chance. *Patients with a PSA* of over 4ng/ml need expert opinion and the specialist will usually decide to carry out ultrasound examination with a biopsy of any suspicious areas.

It is in these borderline cases that the estimate of the free-floating PSA as described by Dr Catalona's team will be of value. Cases in which there has been a rise in the standard PSA of more than 20 per cent in any one year, or of more than 0.7ng/ml, also require explanation, if this change is confirmed at a second reading.

Not all doctors are agreed on the value of screening for cancer of the prostate but the majority opinion seems to be that ideally all men over 50 should have it done. Early cancer of the prostate can be symptom-free but, if any man does have symptoms, he too needs it. Enlargement of the prostate can cause trouble with urination, such as having to micturate *frequently by day*, having to get up at night, having a splayed stream or problems starting or stopping.

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Vietnam plays down US humiliation

■ *Twenty years after the war, Hanoi is being sensitive to wounded American pride in its quest for full diplomatic ties, reports* ***James Pringle*** *from Ho Chi Minh City*

VIETNAM'S legendary military hero, General Vo Nguyen Giap, and other communist luminaries reviewed a colourful victory parade in Ho Chi Minh City yesterday to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the "liberation" of the former Saigon and the reunification of the nation.

In keeping with Vietnam's efforts to join the international mainstream and improve relations with the United States, the military component was played down.

Sergeant Vu Dang Toan, commander of the tank that smashed down the gates of South Vietnam's Presidential Palace as Saigon fell, was among Vietnamese veterans present for the celebrations.

Ho Chi Minh may be the last communist hero. Members of the Vietnamese Communist Party retain a strong sentimental attachment to him, even as the party veers from central planning towards the free market. Even anti-communists in former South Vietnam have a grudging respect for the revolutionary hero. It is unlikely, however, that Ho would have wished Saigon to be renamed in his honour.

"Ho Chi Minh was a genuinely modest man," noted one Vietnamese editor recently. "He would not have wanted a personality cult like Mao in China or the late Kim Il Sung in North Korea."

While wreaths were laid at communist cemeteries and memorials throughout Vietnam yesterday, there were no ceremonies to honour the 223,748 South Vietnamese soldiers who died. War veterans who fought for the US-backed South Vietnamese Army receive no pensions, unlike former communist troops.

Truong Tan Sang, chairman of Ho Chi Minh City's people's committee, eulogised communist war heroes and indulged in some triumphalism. But he did not mention America or its humiliating defeat. Hanoi is eager for full diplomatic ties with Washington, but the issue is still bedevilled by the issue of 2,211 American servicemen missing in action (MIAs) in Indochina.

President Clinton lifted the American trade embargo early last year and US business is cautiously beginning to invest. Pepsi-Cola sponsored a marathon run which was part of the anniversary celebrations. The old American Embassy, which saw the final US evacuation and is now a run-down building, has been vacated by a Vietnamese oil corporation as former American diplomatic properties are readied to be handed back.

In April 1985 there was a huge military parade in the city, with tanks, rockets and mobile artillery pieces, but yesterday there were only goose-stepping soldiers and bemedalled war veterans.

Apparently offering an olive branch to former supporters of the US-backed Saigon regime, Mr Sang said: "For the sake of development, we are ready to put the past behind us and look to the future."

The biggest applause from a tame audience — most Saigonese were excluded from the parade which was held in the sealed-off downtown area — was for a company of young women clad in the black pyjamas and battered bush hats of the Viet Cong, the indigenous southern guerrillas who bore the brunt of the "American War".

Giap: revered war hero reviewed celebrations

Some Viet Cong felt disillusioned when the war ended as northern cadres from Hanoi, often pen-pushers who had not fought the might of the US military machine, were given plum jobs and properties in the south.

In an apparent effort to broaden the base of its support, some of the floats in the non-military component of the parade celebrated Vietnam's main religions: Buddhism, Catholicism and the home-grown Cao Dai. Hanoi's often troubled past relations with these religions have been slowly improving lately.

One float depicted Saigon's Notre Dame Cathedral, while on a Buddhist float incense wafted before a portrait of Ho. Another float featuring a dragon honoured Vietnam's Chinese community, many of whose members were persecuted and fled as boat people in the late 1970s. Cholon, Saigon's Chinatown, is again enjoying growing prosperity.

"The Vietnamese Communist Party and Government seem to have covered most bases," noted one long-time foreign resident who watched the celebrations, which included a fireworks display and theatrical performances. "They are moving in the direction of reconciliation even if they are not there yet."

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A young Vietnamese woman salutes as her float, with a portrait of Ho Chi Minh, passes dignitaries during yesterday's parade to mark the communist victory

Returning Hutus stoned to death, says UN agency

BY SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

ABOUT 14 Hutus were stoned and beaten to death in a village in southern Rwanda after returning home from camps forcibly closed by government troops, a United Nations official said yesterday.

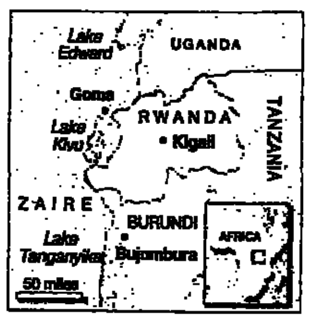
"One hundred others were forced to flee into the bush while women were subjected to indignities such as walking without their clothes on," said Fernando del Mundo, a spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. Señor del Mundo said the killings were in the village of Huye, near the southern town of Butare. A government spokeswoman denied knowledge of any killings.

A solution to the violence put forward by President Moi of Kenya has apparently received backing from George Moose, the US Under Secretary of State for African Affairs. Mr Moi suggested that if Rwandan and Burundian Hutus and Tutsis cannot live alongside one another, then one country should be given to the Hutus and the other to the Tutsis. But such a suggestion reflects staggering ignorance of the region's problems, and in Kenya's case a vested interest of the ruling elite.

The idea may be backed by Rwandan Hutu extremists, living in exile after the genocide they organised last year, because it would allow them to dodge tribunals for their part in it. But first there is the question of numbers. The pre-genocide populations of Rwanda and Burundi were approximately 85 per cent Hutu and 14 per cent Tutsi, the rest being Twa (pgymies). Since the massacres of Tutsi and Hutu moderates in Rwanda last year, the country's demographic profile has been distorted beyond recognition.

Of the 8.5 million total, two million Hutus fled Rwanda when the Tutsi-dominated Rwandan Patriotic Front took power in July and the number of Rwandan resident Tutsis fell drastically after the murder of a million, then rose with the return of perhaps 150,000 exiles.

The new Government, though led by a Hutu President and Prime Minister, remains dominated by the military, which is at least 70 per cent Tutsi. Likewise, Burundi's Government is under the thumb of the Tutsi army.



"Even if one could parcel them off into tribal homelands, it is ridiculous to think that either the Rwandan Government or Burundi's army would accept this. It would mean that all the Tutsis in the region got 30 per cent of the land whereas now they effectively control both countries," said a Western diplomat in Kigali.

President Moi's enthusiasm for a homeland solution stems from the ruling Kenya African National Union's desire to divide his country into ethnic blocks. This would confine large tribes such as the Kikuyu to their "traditional" areas around Mount Kenya, and leave the vast Rift Valley to Mr Moi's tribal backers.

Children pay price of 1990s conflicts

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

CHOL is a child of the 1990s. He is one of the growing millions of youngsters who suffer acutely from the effects of a multitude of conflicts that have broken out since the end of the Cold War.

He was nine years old and playing outside "when the soldiers came" and he fled the civil war in Sudan. Chol nearly starved as he and his brother made their way to Ethiopia, back to Sudan, then finally to Kenya. "We didn't know where our mother or father were, we didn't say goodbye," he says.

Today, Chol lives in Kenya after being helped by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and he says: "I am 14 now. I am an oldie man now. My mother will *not* know me."

Chol's story is depressingly familiar to Save the Children, which today calls on the international community to formulate longer-term solutions to easing the suffering of child victims of unrest.

Save the Children urges, in its report published today, new strategies to help "millions more children whose lives are being laid to waste in a growing list of forgotten emergencies around the world". It says: "This is an era dominated not by conflicts between states, which the UN's Charter was drawn up to prevent, but by conflicts that are within states."

The "safe haven" concept pioneered for the Kurds of northern Iraq "still allows only a hand-to-mouth existence", the report says. "Four years on, Kurdish children still suffer and fear the future." Mike Aaronson, Director-General of Save the Children, says: "Today what we see is an international policy of studied neglect which compounds children's suffering."

Some of the most acute problems are in Angola, Liberia and Afghanistan, where a third of children die before their fifth birthday, the report says.

☐ *Children of Forgotten Emergencies* is published by Save the Children, 17 Grove Lane, London SE5 8RD.

☐ Delhi march: Two hundred children, declaring themselves representatives of 100 million child workers in India, marched through Delhi yesterday in protest at their exploitation by adults. It was a unique and embarrassing demonstration for a country that regards itself as an emerging economic giant.

Fatah tells Arafat to halt talks

Jerusalem: Fatah, the main Palestine Liberation Organisation faction, called on Yassir Arafat to abort negotiations with Israel in protest at Israeli plans to confiscate 133 acres of mainly Arab-owned land in annexed east Jerusalem for Jewish building projects (Christopher Walker writes).

Members of Fatah provide the PLO chairman with his main support in the Gaza Strip and the occupied West Bank. Yesterday's call in a special leaflet followed a similar demand 24 hours earlier by Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, which condemned the Israeli land order as a "Zionist crime".

☐ **Tel Aviv:** Syria is preparing for war against Israel in case peace talks collapse, Major-General Amiram Levine, the commander in charge of the Syrian front, said in remarks published yesterday. *(AP)*

Appeal to army

London: Captain Valentine Strasser, the military ruler of Sierra Leone, said a return to democracy was inevitable and called on the army to play a neutral role in politics in the run-up to the restoration of civilian rule next year.

Jail wives wait

Nicosia: Twenty-four hours after arriving in Baghdad, the wives of William Barloon and David Daliberti, the Americans jailed in March by Iraq, were still waiting for a promised visit to the Abu Ghraib prison to be granted.

Rights defence

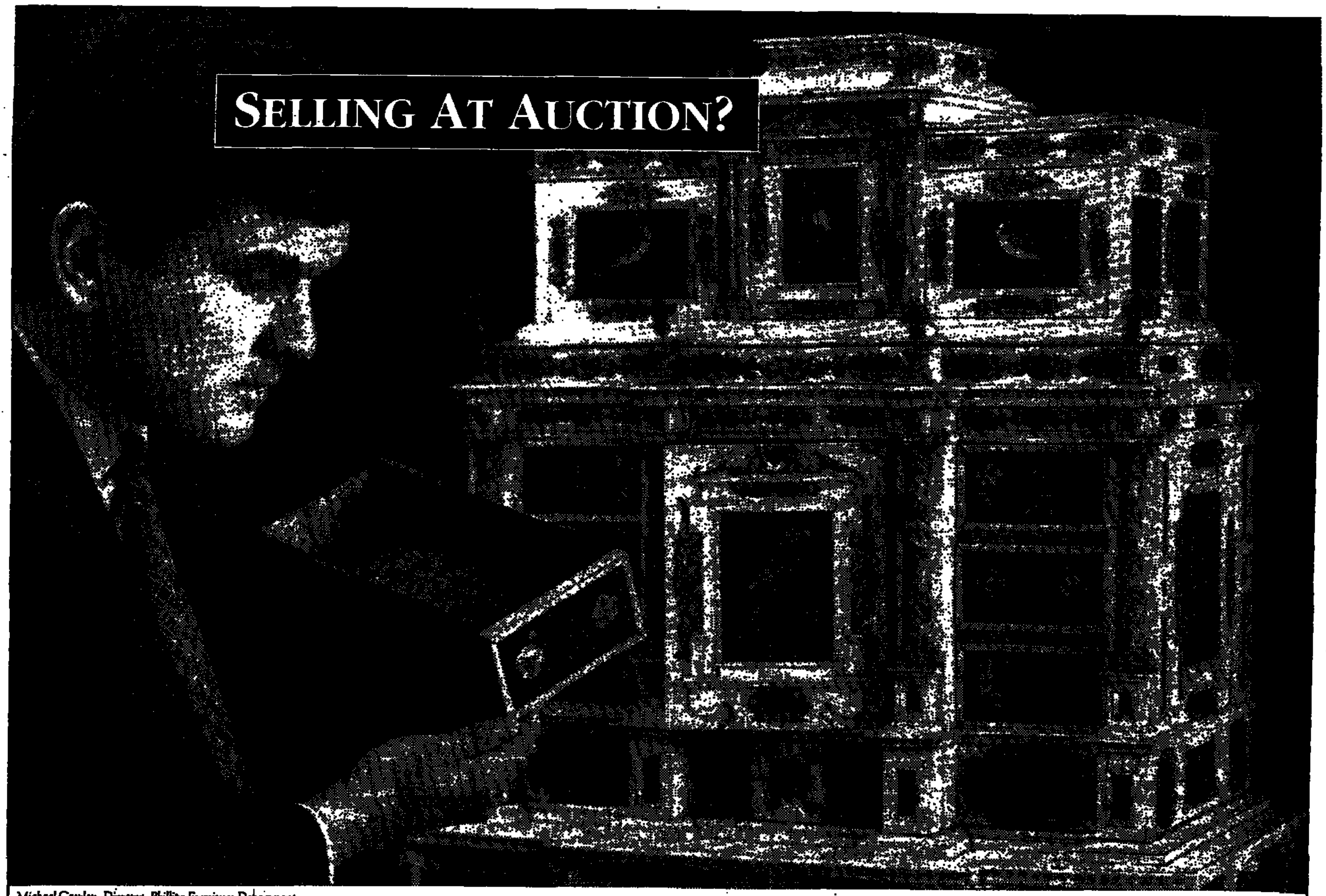
Cairo: Representatives of Iran, Syria, Egypt and Israel, all accused by human rights groups of violations, told a United Nations conference on crime that their laws guaranteed the rights of alleged offenders. *(Reuter)*

Leader returns

Colombo: President Bandaranaike Kumaratunga cut short a visit to Paris and returned to Sri Lanka to see if the peace process could be salvaged after Tamil rebels shot down two military planes, killing 90 people. *(AP)*

Rare bird dies

Tokyo: One of Japan's only two crested ibises, a water bird species near extinction, died aged 21, a month after being paired with a three-year-old female borrowed from China. It is not known if their five eggs will hatch. *(AFP)*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UN gives up hope of negotiating truce extension

Bosnia heads for bloody showdown

From Joel Brand in Sarajevo

AS THE four-month ceasefire comes to an end in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the stage for what could be the most ruthless and decisive phase of the war has been set by increasingly brazen Serb affronts to the United Nations and a more aggressive Bosnian army.

"If we accept it [the ceasefire] now, we participate in the legalisation of the occupation of our own country, something that we shall not do," Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian Prime Minister, said yesterday. Seventy per cent of the country is at present in the hands of Serb separatists.

"I regret that the response we received was not positive," Yasushi Akashi, the UN envoy, said after his talks with Mr Silajdzic.

The ceasefire expires at midday today, and fighting is already raging unchecked in several disputed areas. Mr Silajdzic told Mr Akashi that the Bosnian Government could only offer to exercise "maximum restraint" in the light of the Bosnian Serbs' refusal to agree to an international peace plan for the former Yugoslav republic.

The key Serb figure, the army commander General Ratko Mladic, was not expected to appear at Mr Akashi's meeting with Mr Karadzic, despite pleas from the UN for him to attend.

Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith, the commander of UN peacekeepers in Bosnia, has been trying unsuccessfully to meet General Mladic since assuming the post in January. Without the nod from General Mladic, any Serb agreements or assurances would be meaningless.

UN officials said that they had all but given up hope of extending the current agreement, which called for a range of measures to reduce tensions. Few of those were ever implemented, and even those that were have fallen by the wayside in the second half of the four-month period.

"Zero progress" is how one UN official described the outcome of the most recent talks. Peacekeepers are growing increasingly resigned to a withdrawal from the country later this year, abandoning three years of frustrated efforts to find a solution to the conflict. France in particular has threatened to pull its more than 3,000 "blue helmets" from Bosnia if the ceasefire is not extended and full-scale fighting resumes.

Peacekeeping officials and Western leaders are concerned that the combination of Serb belligerence and government assertiveness on the battlefield is gradually shutting down the UN operation.

A spate of Serb attacks on peacekeepers, harassment of UN flights into Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital, refusals to permit senior UN and Western diplomats into the city, blockages of resupply convoys bound for peacekeepers, and other antagonisms have brought the three-year-old mission to an all-time low.

On Saturday a British UN base was deliberately hit with tank-fire, another British observation post was targeted by a 40mm cannon violating the Nato heavy-weapons ban around Gorazde, a Nordic Battalion observation post was shelled intermittently for an afternoon, and a Dutch foot patrol was engaged by rifle fire. Additionally, Croatian Serbs launched at least one two-jet, cross-border air raid on the Bosnian government-held Bihac enclave, in violation of a Nato-policed flight-ban over the country. Last November, such a provocation drew a Nato bombing run on the air base, which has since been repaired. It was used in yesterday's attack.

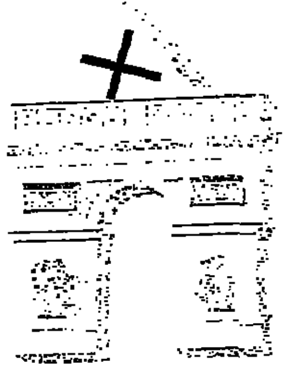
☐ **Driver shot:** A Bosnian government minister was nearly killed when his chauffeur was shot dead as he drove down a mountain road towards Sarajevo. *(Reuter)*

War looms, page 1

Admir Zebic, 15, is examined at Sarajevo's Kosevo Hospital after he was shot in the spine by a sniper. Doctors said he would be paralysed from the waist down

Le Pen enjoys May Day role as kingmaker

From Charles Bremner in Paris



FRENCH ELECTION

BUOYED by his strong electoral score, Jean-Marie Le Pen, the leader of France's far Right National Front, today leads a gaudy parade through Paris as the Gaullist and Socialist presidential rivals rehearse for a television showdown that could decide which of them heads France into the next century.

M Le Pen, 66, is to march at the head of his militants from Saint Germain-des-Près to the Opéra to celebrate the feast of Joan of Arc. Usually ignored by the media and kept to a less visible route, the May Day march has seized the limelight because of M Le Pen's 15 per cent of the vote in the first presidential round last week, just behind Edouard Balladur, the Gaullist Prime Minister.

Speaking from a stage outside the old Opéra, M Le Pen is to advise his supporters where to direct their votes in next Sunday's run-off between Jacques Chirac and Lionel Jospin. M Le Pen has conducted a feud with M Chirac, the Gaullist Mayor of Paris, since the mid-1980s. However, the electorate has proven so volatile and disaffected with the mainstream this year that the decisions of the 4.5 million Le Pen voters will weigh heavily.

Polls show that half say they will vote for M Chirac, 62, who is leading M Jospin by between eight and ten percentage points. Some 18 per cent of all voters say that they have yet to decide.

The candidates have refused concessions to the National Front, but both have distinguished between the unsavoury M Le Pen and what they see as the voters who were registering "legitimate" concerns about unemployment, crime and corruption. Both candidates spent the weekend sharpening their messages before their debate tomorrow, a ritual which is deemed to have swung voters in the past two elections.

After faltering following his unexpected second place to M Jospin, M Chirac is breathing more easily since his former conservative foes turned out for a rally of reconciliation in the Bois de Boulogne in Paris at the weekend. There was, however, little warmth on show as a grim-looking M Balladur engaged in a handshake with his conqueror so rapid that photographers could barely record it.

M Jospin has taken aim at M Chirac's Achilles' heel: his reputation over two decades for switching ideas to suit the climate. "M Chirac spent the whole first-round campaign attacking the policies of Balladur and the Government. Now that they are making up, one no longer knows what his political line is," M Jospin said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Russian generals criticised by Bonn

BONN: The strain in relations between Moscow and Bonn bubbled to the surface yesterday when two senior Cabinet ministers sharply criticised Russian generals and the government for making bellicose statements (Roger Boyes writes).

The dispute comes on top of a report that some 165 Russians in Germany, including journalists, scientists and artists, are actively working as spies. *Der Spiegel* claims that the German counter espionage service is seeking their expulsion.

Klaus Kinkel, Foreign Minister, said yesterday: "In recent days there have been irritating signals and statements by Russian politicians and the Army. They touch on basic questions of the relationship between Russia and its partners. The tone of these declarations is quite inappropriate and the contents beg many questions."

☐ **Moscow:** President Yeltsin announced yesterday that the period of compulsory military service would be extended from 18 months to two years and that students would no longer be exempt. *(AFP)*

Longer service

Moscow: In a move to bolster the ranks of Russia's shrinking military, President Yeltsin signed an unpopular law extending military service from 18 months to two years for Russian men. He said national security was at stake.

Test refused

Rome: Suspicion mounted that a statue of the Madonna weeping tears of blood in the port city of Civitavecchia might be a fake after its owner declined to undergo genetic tests ordered by investigating magistrates.

Re-election bid

Warsaw: President Walesa of Poland announced that he plans to stand for re-election later this year. Mr Walesa, 52, was first elected in 1990 and had been widely expected to stand again despite his recent decline in popularity. *(Reuter)*

Blast arrests

Taegu: A gas explosion which killed 100 South Koreans here was probably caused by a welding spark, police said. Three employees of an engineering firm have been arrested on suspicion of rupturing a gas main. *(Reuter)*

Somalia killing

Melbourne: Australia has received confirmation that David Morris, 52, the New Zealand owner of an Australian catering business, has been killed in Somalia, an Australian Foreign Affairs spokeswoman said. *(Reuter)*

Prayers for rain

Dhaka: Bangladeshi authorities called for daily prayers for rain from Wednesday as the death toll from sunstroke in the worst heatwave for 23 years rose to eight. Temperatures reached 41C (106F) at the weekend. *(AFP)*

Quake forecast

Los Angeles: A leading geologist has predicted that a big earthquake would hit California before June 9. Professor Charles Sammis said that it would register up to 6.5 on the Richter scale and strike near the town of Parkfield.

Baby rescued

Lisbon: A newborn baby was rescued by villagers in Trinta, Portugal, after being left for three days in a suitcase. Neighbours heard the boy crying and found him in a blanket in the case, the *Publico* newspaper said. *(AFP)*

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Kazakh leader postpones election

By Richard Beeston

PRESIDENT Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan claimed yesterday to have won an overwhelming endorsement from his countrymen to remain in office until the turn of the century. He postponed elections scheduled for next year.

In a move which critics at home and abroad claimed was tantamount to the introduction of a dictatorship, the leader of the huge mineral-rich Central Asian state claimed he had received a 95.4 per cent vote in a referendum to stay in office until 2000.

"The choice made by the people of Kazakhstan gives their common motherland a chance for stability and delivers a resolute 'no' to unwanted trouble and big upheavals," the President, a former communist leader, said.

Aleksandra Dokuchayeva, head of Lad, the country's Slavic movement which campaigned against the election postponement, alleged however that there were numerous electoral violations in the referendum among the country's nine million voters.

"This figure of 95 per cent reminds one of Soviet-era elections," she said. "These figures do not correspond to reality."

Western representatives from the G7 group of leading industrial nations signalled their disapproval of what is regarded as a move away from democracy by boycotting the announcement of the referendum results.

Nevertheless, President Nazarbayev remained unrepentant and denied that he was installing one-man rule. "Talk of a dictatorship is absolutely baseless and irresponsible," he said. "The very word scares me."

Clinton defies Supreme Court on school gun ban

From Ian Brodie in Washington

BILL CLINTON has taken the rare step for an American President of defying the US Supreme Court, which last week struck down a federal law making it a crime to carry a gun in or near a school.

Mr Clinton, saying he was "terribly disappointed", directed Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, to devise a plan for keeping guns away from schools despite the Supreme Court's ruling. One way would be to deny federal funds to school districts that refuse to ban guns.

In their ruling, the bitterly divided justices decided, by five votes to four, that the Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990 was illegal on the narrow constitutional ground that it was not covered by the power of the US Congress to regulate interstate commerce.

According to Mr Clinton, the rising tide of guns in the hands of high-school students is a national crisis that has been largely responsible for 105 violent deaths in schools in the past two years. The President said that a 1990 study found one in 24 students carried guns, and by 1993 the number was one in 12. However, for all his fury, 40 of the 50 states have already superseded the Supreme Court by passing their own laws banning school guns. But in the wake of the Oklahoma bombing, Mr Clinton is taking every opportunity to confront America's violence and gun culture, and is also seeing his approval ratings climb.

The devastated federal building in Oklahoma City has become so unstable that recovery efforts may have to be halted. The confirmed death toll reached 124 yesterday, 15 of them children, with 64 people still missing. Frank Keating, the Governor of Oklahoma, proposed razing the building when salvage efforts are completed and turning the site into a park as a final resting place for those whose remains are not recovered.

Authorities investigating Timothy McVeigh, the only suspect arrested, are coming to the conclusion that he was probably not the plot's mastermind. He is portrayed more as a foot soldier, running errands such as renting the van that carried the huge bomb of fertiliser and fuel oil.

Tunis: Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, said that the Oklahoma City bombing was the reaction of American people against "nightmares and tyranny". He offered *the Clinton family refuge in* Libya from "America's hell". *(Reuter)*

Doubts on Foster suicide

By Ian Brodie

A NEW report has raised the question again of whether the death nearly two years ago of Vincent Foster, the Deputy White House Counsel, was a murder that was made to look like suicide.

The private investigation was conducted by two retired New York detectives who said there was "overwhelming evidence" that Foster did not die where his body was found on July 20, 1993, in a park near Washington. Murder could not be ruled out, the pair said. The study was financed by the Western Journalism Centre, a conservative group.

One of the former detectives, Vincent Scalice, said police work on the case had been sloppy and incomplete. He was especially doubtful about the official report that Foster was found lying with his arms at his side. He said that in nearly 30 years of police work, he could not recall "ever running across a situation where we found a body in a case of suicide that was neatly arranged, with the gun so conveniently positioned in the hand in such a straight, orderly fashion".

Other questions were raised by the study: the spent bullet was never found; there was no soil or grass on Foster's shoes; there was little blood or brain tissue near the body, which was inconsistent with a shot to the head, and although fibres were found on the body, Foster's home, office and car were never searched for ones to match.

The second investigator, Fred Santucci, a forensic photographer, said he was shocked to discover that no high-quality photographs were taken of the scene.

As a close friend of President and Mrs Clinton, Foster handled their personal financial affairs, including details of their property dealings in the Whitewater affair. Kenneth Starr, the new special prosecutor, has reopened the official investigation into the death, with the help of a grand jury, which is hearing evidence in secret.

Moscow 'Hippo' goes on trial for 19 murders

Ryakhovsky: accused of committing necrophilia

From Richard Beeston in Moscow

AN ALLEGED Russian serial killer, who dismembered and sexually assaulted his victims, has gone on trial accused of murdering 19 people during a ten-year murder spree in and around Moscow.

Sergei Ryakhovsky, 33, who has been nicknamed "the Hippopotamus" because of his large build, is expected back in Moscow's regional court this week under heavy guard to hear further grisly details about the murders he is accused of committing. Last week, Yevgeniya Zaikova, the distraught mother of one of the victims, said she believed that Mr Ryakhovsky was the assailant who raped and murdered her teenage son, Vitali, in January 1989.

"He speared him through with a ski-stick," said the mother, who explained that her son was left to bleed to death in a suburban wood just after the New Year holiday. "The whole town buried him. Two boys vowed over his grave to take revenge. Our family used to be so happy," she said, sobbing.

According to the prosecution, the defendant, who is more than 6ft tall and weighs 20st, usually murdered his victims before sexually assaulting them and robbing them of any valuables.

In one case in January 1993, Mr Ryakhovsky is accused of killing a 78-year-old man by cutting off his head with a hunting knife and then returning the following day to saw off his leg. Later that year he allegedly murdered a woman, committed necrophilia, and then blew up her body with a homemade bomb.

Mr Ryakhovsky at first confessed to the murders, saying that he wanted to rid society of "good for nothing people". Now, however, he is only pleading guilty to three charges of attempted murder on elderly women, claiming that his previous admissions were made under duress.

The trial is expected to last two months. If found guilty, he will almost certainly face the death penalty, as did two other Russian serial killers arrested recently. Andrei Chikatilo, the "Rostov Ripper", was executed for murdering 52 people in the 1970s and 1980s in southern Russia. Sergei Golovkin, the "Boa", was sentenced to death in October for killing 11 young boys from 1984 to 1992.

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HITLER DEAD

FÜHRER "HAS FALLEN AT HIS COMMAND POST"

DÖNITZ ANNOUNCES HIMSELF AS SUCCESSOR

RESISTANCE TO CONTINUE

Hitler died yesterday in Berlin.

The news was announced on the German wireless at 10.20 last night by Admiral Dönitz, who said he had been appointed as his successor.

Dönitz, who described himself as head of the State and commander-in-chief, said he would continue the struggle to save the German people from destruction by the Bolshevists. "As long as the British and Americans hamper us from reaching that end we shall fight and defend ourselves against them as well," he said.

He asked Germans for "unconditional sacrifice," discipline and obedience.

Hitler, it was said, fell at his post in the Reich Chancellery fighting to his last breath against Bolshevism.

DONITZ AS HEAD OF STATE

"I TAKE OVER THE LEADERSHIP"

An announcement which preceded the proclamation by Admiral Doenitz said: "It is reported from the Führer's headquarters that our Führer, Adolf Hitler, has fallen this afternoon at his command post in the Reich Chancellery fighting to the last breath against Bolshevism and for Germany.

"On April 30 the Führer appointed Grand Admiral Doenitz as his successor. Our new Führer will speak to the German people."

In his radio talk to the German people Doenitz said:—

"German men and women soldiers of the German Wehrmacht! Our Führer, Adolf Hitler, has fallen. The German people bow in deepest mourning and veneration.

"He recognized beforehand the terrible danger of Bolshevism and devoted his life fighting it. At the end of this, his battle, and his unswerving straight path of life stands his death as a hero in the capital of the Reich. All his life meant service to the German people. His battle against the Bolshevist flood benefited not only Europe but the whole world.

"The Führer has appointed me as his successor. Fully conscious of the responsibility, I take over the leadership of the German people at this fateful hour. It is my first task to save the German people from destruction by the Bolshevists and it is only to achieve this that the fight continues.

"As long as the British and Americans hamper us from reaching this end we shall fight and defend ourselves against them as well. The British and Americans do not fight for the interests of their own people, but for the spreading of Bolshevism.

"What the German people have achieved and suffered is unique in history. In the coming times of distress of our people I shall do my utmost to make life bearable for our brave women, men, and children.

"To achieve all this I need your help. Trust me; keep order and discipline in towns and the countryside. Everybody do his duty. Only thus shall we be able to alleviate the sufferings which the future will bring to each of us and avoid collapse. If we do all that is in our power to do, the Lord will not abandon us."

"HE STAKED HIS LIFE"

An order of the day by Admiral Doenitz as "supreme Commander of the Wehrmacht," was then read. It said:—

German Wehrmacht—my comrades. The Führer has fallen. He fell faithful to his great idea to save the peoples of Europe from Bolshevism. He staked his life and died the death of a hero. With his passing one of the greatest heroes of German history has passed away.

In proud reverence and sorrow we lower our flags before him. The Führer has appointed me his successor as head of the State and supreme commander of the German *Wehrmacht*. I assume supreme command of all units of the German *Wehrmacht* with the determination to continue the struggle against Bolshevism until the fighting troops and the hundreds of thousands of families of the German eastern territories are rescued from enslavement or extermination.

Against the British and Americans I shall continue the struggle so far and so long as they hinder me in carrying out the fight against Bolshevism.

The situation demands from you, who have already accomplished such great historical feats and who are now longing for the end of the war, further struggle without question. I demand discipline and obedience. Chaos and downfall can only be prevented by obedience without reserve to my orders. He who at this moment shirks his duty is a coward and traitor, for he brings death or slavery to German women and children.

The oath of allegiance you swore to the Führer now applies to each one of you without further formality to myself, the successor appointed by the Führer. German soldiers: Do your duty. The life of our people is at stake.

MYSTERY OF DÖNITZ'S WHEREABOUTS

HATRED OF BRITAIN

FROM OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

With the death of Hitler the German drama marches to its *dénouement*. That Grand Admiral Dönitz was appointed his successor and that he describes himself as Head of the State and Commander-in-Chief of the *Wehrmacht*—which takes in all the regular armed forces—are facts which threw a flood of light on recent developments.

Dönitz is believed not to be in Berlin. In his broadcast to the German people last night he spoke on the Bremen wave-length, which suggests that he is somewhere on the North German coast, or he may even be at sea. When he was appointed commander-in-chief of the German naval forces Hitler described him as the "Rommel of the sea." He is a tough and ruthless fighter, as he showed when he directed the U-boat war. In the first words he now addresses to the German people he makes it clear that he is going to fight.

There are two aspects to the appointment. The first is internal. Dönitz, for all the trust which Hitler came to put in him, never was the party man—at least he has not much of a party record. In the last war he was a prisoner in this country, and is said to have been in the Manchester lunatic asylum. Part of his attraction for Hitler—over and above his proved professional ability—was his hatred of Great Britain.

By assuming control of all the armed forces he directly challenges Himmler, who is commander of what may for convenience be called the party formations, such as the inchoate home army, the *Volkssturm*, and the S.S. Himmler, in addition, controls the *Gestapo* and the many ramifications of the security services. With the eclipse of such leaders as Göring he emerged more and more as the strongest man after Hitler, who certainly until recently looked on him as his deputy and successor.

It is to be noted that when Himmler made his recent offer of unconditional surrender the approach was to Great Britain and the United States; Dönitz himself puts the emphasis on the continuance of the struggle against Bolshevism. Close observers of German affairs do not, however, think there is any common link between the two. The position is obscure, and will remain so until Himmler himself speaks. There is an expectation that when he does he will reject Dönitz's authority, although whether he will at this stage go on with his effort to end the war has yet to be seen.

The split is there. Realizing that Hitler's end was near and that the war was lost, Himmler seems to have made his move to forestall such further folly as Dönitz's appointment portends. The knowledge of this new rent, coming on top of Himmler's bid for peace and Hitler's death, can only add to the bewilderment of a beaten people. So much for the internal aspect.

What part of the armed forces Dönitz will be able to rally to his side in a last desperate stand is not certain. He can, perhaps, rely on such of the German navy as remains. The *Wehrmacht* is dispirited and dispersed. The *Volkssturm* is coming [illegible]. The S.S. may elect to follow Himmler rather than Dönitz.

Nevertheless, Dönitz may gather a force sufficiently large to cause trouble. It may have been some such development as this that Mr. Churchill had in mind when he told Parliament yesterday that it was by no means certain at the present time that there would be a complete surrender of all the enemy's forces.

NEWS FOR THE HOUSE

PRIME MINISTER'S PROMISE

FROM OUR PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENT

While the Prime Minister had no news to give to the House of Commons yesterday he promised to make a brief announcement at once "if information of importance reaches the Government during the sittings of the House this week—as it might be." It did not escape notice that in another sentence Mr. Churchill also said that "it is by no means certain at the present time that a complete surrender of all the enemy's forces will make the subject of a future announcement."

In this connexion it is to be noted that the circular issued by the Home Office to local authorities refers to the [illegible] and celebration which the Government would regard as appropriate "in the event of the unconditional surrender of the enemy." It appears that these arrangements may be subject to revision if the end of hostilities took the form of a declaration by the allied Powers that organized resistance had ceased. The official ending of the war by a declaration of this kind would mean that there was no over-all surrender by the enemy, and that, though organized resistance had ceased, guerrilla warfare might continue in some parts of Germany or the occupied countries.

MR. CURTIN

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

CANBERRA, MAY 1

The condition of Mr. Curtin, the Prime Minister, has slightly improved. It is expected that he will need a long rest after leaving hospital. He may not be able to resume duty during the present Parliamentary session.

C.D. DISBANDMENT

The Ministry of Home Security announces that local authorities have been informed that action to disband the war organization of the Civil Defence General Services should be taken to-day. The detailed action will be explained in *The Times* on Monday. Local authorities may arrange at their discretion for final local parades.

NO NEW MESSAGE FROM HIMMLER

COUNT BERNADOTTE HOME AGAIN

THE "LAST INTERVIEW"

From Our Correspondent

STOCKHOLM, MAY 1

Count Folke Bernadotte, who returned here from Copenhagen this morning, confirmed yesterday's report that he did not see Himmler during his latest visit to Germany and Denmark. He referred to his conversation with Himmler 10 days ago, when Himmler asked him to transmit the offer of surrender to the Western allies, as "my latest, perhaps my last, interview with him."

Count Bernadotte denied that he had brought any message from Himmler or any other authoritative German; and the spokesman of the Swedish Foreign Office said that no such message had been received by the Foreign Office for transmission to the allies.

The head of the political department of the Swedish Foreign Office, Hr. Erik von Post, yesterday flew to Copenhagen from Malmö and returned the same evening, only to fly to Copenhagen again to-day. Hr. von Post until recently was first counsellor of the Swedish Legation in Berlin.

EXPECTANCY IN THE COMMONS

PRIME MINISTER'S RESTRAINT

WESTMINSTER, TUESDAY

The House of Commons to-day, closely filled, hung upon the PRIME MINISTER'S words as he answered MR. GREENWOOD'S question whether he had any statement to make "about the war position in Europe."

MR. CHURCHILL began with the characteristic quip, which set the House in a roar of laughter, that he had nothing to say in reply except that the war position in Europe was "definitely more satisfactory than it was this time five years ago." But he promised that if information of "exceptional importance" should reach the Government during one of the four sittings of the House this week he would make a brief announcement.

Speaking deliberately, without notes and sometimes in so low a voice that there were calls to him to speak up, the PRIME MINISTER went on to say that a Home Office Circular [particulars of which are on page 2] was being issued to-night giving general guidance to local authorities if "an announcement of decisive importance justifying celebrations were to be made this week." He added, in answer to MR. GREENWOOD, that the Government did not consider that the information should be withheld until the occupation of particular zones was achieved; the movement of troops and the surrender of enemy troops might well take an appreciable time. It was by no means certain at the present time that a complete surrender of all the enemy's forces would make the subject of a future announcement. MR. CHURCHILL also made it plain that any statement which he made would accord with statements by our allies, and would be preceded by mature consideration by the Governments of the advice of the military commanders in the different theatres, both on the north-western and the Italian fronts.

Parliamentary report on page 8

MORE FOOD DROPPED OVER HOLLAND

Lancasters of R.A.F. Bomber Command again dropped food supplies at The Hague, Rotterdam, and Leiden yesterday afternoon. More than 1,000 tons of food were delivered, and the Lancasters took nearly three hours to do the work. At The Hague the grandstand on the race course was filled with people who had waited to see the aircraft arrive.

Eight hundred tons of food were dropped to beleaguered Dutch civilians yesterday by approximately 400 low-flying heavy bombers of the United States 8th Air Force. The bombers released 20,000 cases of American rations over four areas in the vicinity of The Hague and Rotterdam.

INVALIDS

The Bishop of [illegible] has had to undergo an operation, and will be unable to [illegible] until after the end of May. The improvement in the condition of the Bishop of [illegible], who lies ill at Bishop's Court, [illegible], continues.

BRANDENBURG TAKEN

STRALSUND PORT CAPTURED

LAST STAGE IN BERLIN

Marshal Stalin, in an order of the day addressed to Marshal Rokossovsky and his Chief of Staff, Lieutenant-General Bogolyubov, last night said:—

Troops of the Second White Russian Command, developing their swift offensive, to-day captured the towns of Stralsund, Demmin, Malchin, Waren, Grimmen, and Wesenberg, important communication centres and strong-points in the German defences.

¶ Stralsund is on the Baltic Sea, 40 miles north-east of Rostock.

In a second order of the day, addressed to Marshal Zhukov and his Chief of Staff, Colonel-General Malinin, Marshal Stalin said:—

Troops of the First White Russian Command to-day carried by assault the town of Brandenburg, the principal city in the province of Brandenburg and a powerful bastion of the defences of central Germany.

¶ Brandenburg is 40 miles west of Berlin.

In a third order of the day, addressed to General Eremenko and his Chief of Staff, Colonel-General Sandalov, Marshal Stalin said:—

Troops of the Fourth Ukrainian front, continuing their offensive to-day, captured the towns of Bohumin (Oderberg), Frystat, Cadca, Velka Bytca, and Skotsau (south of Bielsko), important communication centres and powerful strong-points in the German defences in the western Carpathians.

From Our Own Correspondent

MOSCOW, MAY 1

Berlin is to-day in its last throes. The Red Army has turned every gun and mortar it can muster on to the small area into which the enemy has been compressed. Most of them are firing over open sights. Dive-bombers and Stormoviks are constantly overhead. Tanks and mobile guns which crossed the Spree against strong opposition on Sunday to lead the attack on the Reichstag are in considerable force in the Tiergarten and have crossed the Hermann Göring Strasse.

The fire of the German artillery is gradually slackening; and the Russians have captured several of the giant craters made by allied bombs in the east-to-west axial highway that have been used as gun pits. The tube system no longer serves the enemy except as a place of shelter.

The Reichstag was stormed by cheering infantry after an unknown man had planted the Red flag on the building. At noon yesterday the tattered flag had been carried on to the roof and floated over the building. There was still sporadic fighting yesterday about two miles south of the Reichstag, where Marshal Konev's men were being strongly opposed by artillery.

Meanwhile the Russian commandant of Berlin, Colonel-General Bierzarin, who also commands the garrison that the Red Army has already established in the city, has taken energetic measures to make life tolerable for its inhabitants. Electric power is promised in two or three days. Water is available. Twenty hospitals have been opened for the Germans, and bread is on sale. The food situation is, however, described as serious.

BERLIN GARRISON'S SILENCE

At 7.45 last night Hamburg radio said that no news had been received from Berlin since the afternoon *communiqué* reported that the garrison had gathered round Hitler.

South of Berlin, said the German report, a great defensive battle had followed a German relief drive towards the capital.—*Reuter.*

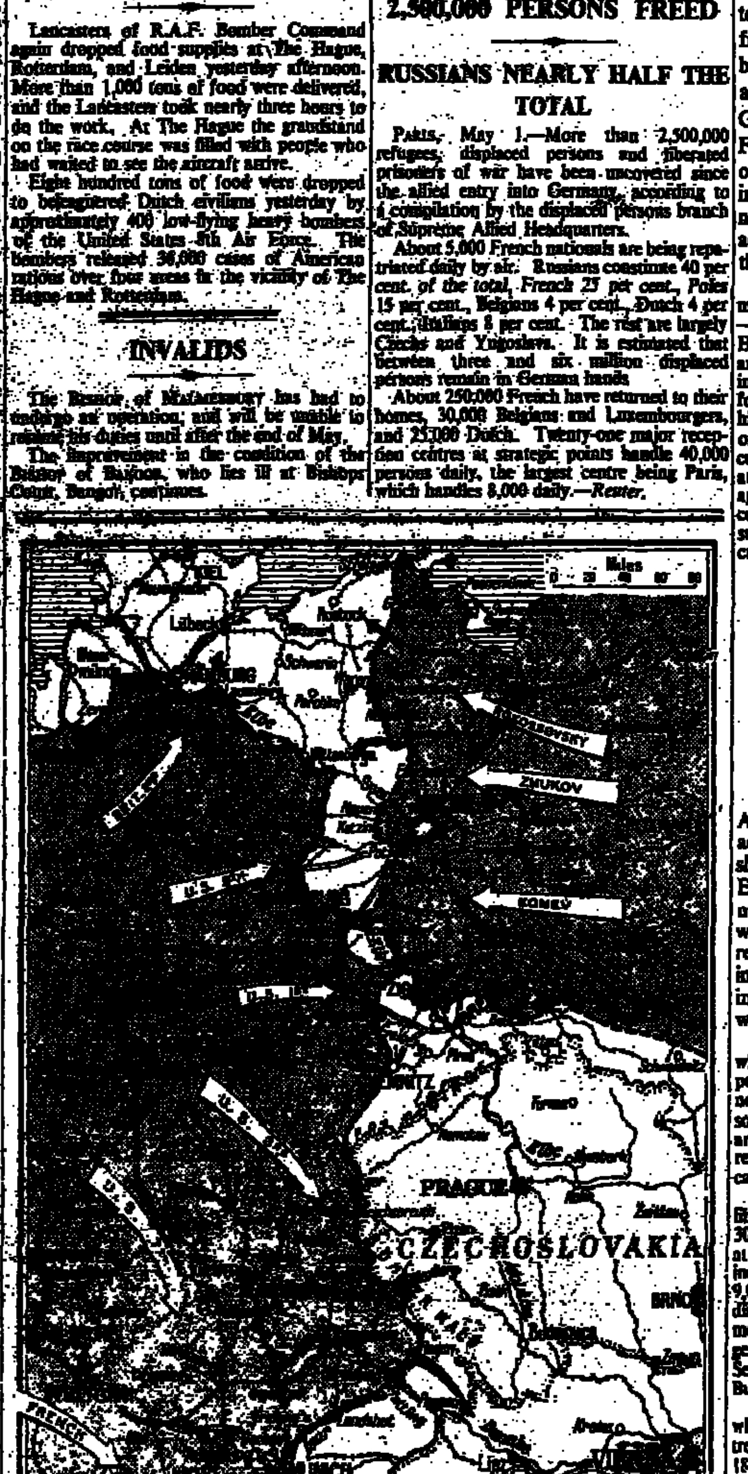
2,500,000 PERSONS FREED

RUSSIANS NEARLY HALF THE TOTAL

PARIS, May 1.—More than 2,500,000 refugees, displaced persons and liberated prisoners of war have been uncovered since the allied entry into Germany, according to a compilation by the displaced persons branch of Supreme Allied Headquarters.

About 5,000 French nationals are being repatriated daily by air. Russians constitute 40 per cent. of the total, French 23 per cent., Poles 15 per cent., Belgians 4 per cent., Dutch 4 per cent., [illegible] 1 per cent. The rest are largely Greeks and Yugoslavs. It is estimated that between three and six million displaced persons remain in Germany.

About 250,000 French have returned to their homes, 30,000 Belgians and Luxemburgers, and 25,000 Dutch. Twenty-one major reception centres at strategic points handle 40,000 persons a day, the largest centre being Paris, which handles 5,000 daily.—*Reuter.*



ACROSS THE ELBE

TWO BRIDGEHEADS LINKED

THRUST TOWARDS LÜBECK

From Our Special Correspondent

NORTH-WEST GERMANY, MAY 1

The two bridgeheads across the Elbe within the British zone of operations (the second was forced by the United States 82nd Airborne Division 23 hours after the first assault by the British commando brigade and the 15th Scottish Division) have now been joined.

This has been done by the movement of some of the British forces upstream on the east bank coincidently with the movement of others north-eastward which has carried them 16 miles to a village called Mühlenrade, nearly halfway from Lauenburg to the great hanseatic port of Lübeck. The Americans meanwhile have pushed to their right upstream also, and the result is that the bridgehead is now nearly 30 miles wide from the town of Geesthacht on the left flank (which has fallen without much trouble to the Scots) to the village of Darchau, due east of Lüneburg. The Americans have also thrust northward from the river about four miles to Neuhaus.

The enemy has made more determined air attacks on the bridges made and in use by the allied forces. Yesterday 42 of his machines were destroyed in the air by T.A.F. aircraft in fights arising out of these attempts, and 18 *others on the ground*, while up to this afternoon our airmen had destroyed or damaged 16 FW190s and Me109s which had been attacking with the same object. It is now revealed that the two corps concerned in the Elbe crossings are the British VIII and the American XVIII Airborne Corps.

NORTHERN THRUST

Nearer to Hamburg the British 11th Armoured Division in the Lauenburg bridgehead thrust to the north, and, as stated, got over the uncompleted *Autobahn* intended to link Hamburg with Berlin and reached the village of Mühlenrade. The armour met some opposition, including a few tanks and anti-tank weapons, but they captured Potrau, about seven miles north of Lauenburg, while on their way. Fifteen miles west of Hamburg the Guards' armour entered the town of Stade and found the burgomaster ready to surrender the place. Among the Guards' prisoners here was Lieutenant-General von Wuthhich, formerly chief of staff to General Christiansen, commander-in-chief in the Netherlands. Von Wuthhich was caught in civilian clothes. In this area the Guards are now in contact with the 7th Armoured Division. The Wessex infantry have finished clearing the region between Zeven and Bremen to a point about six miles due north of Bremen against no great physical resistance by the enemy but against many mines and demolitions.

The same sort of obstacles is the chief cause of delay in the progress of the Canadian infantry threatening Oldenburg, and now only two miles from it on the south-east. The Canadian armour west of Oldenburg is still meeting the heaviest fighting by the enemy himself, but this column has now taken two places, Bad Zwischenahn and Rostrup, by the lake lying some eight miles north-west of Oldenburg.

The Canadian total of prisoners taken since March 23 now exceeds 30,000.

MUNICH CLEARED

HORTHY CAPTURED

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

PARIS, MAY 1

Munich, described by the Supreme Commander in a congratulatory order of the day as the cradle of the Nazi beast, has fallen to forces of General Patch's Seventh Army without the fight that might have been expected of this city of Hitlerian legend. It is likely indeed that Himmler's peace overtures are having their effect on the resistance of the enemy's remaining bastions in the north and south, and prisoners, especially in Bavaria, continue to be taken in their thousands. Apart from a few nests of snipers, Munich has been completely cleared by the 3rd, 42nd, and 45th Divisions, and at the same time General Patch's armour, together with French forces operating along the shore of Lake Constance, are pushing deeper into the passes of the Austrian Alps, notably up the Lech valley, which gives access to the communications network of the Inn.

During these recent advances three notable men have been captured by the Seventh Army—Admiral Nicholas Horthy, former Regent of Hungary, and the German Field-Marshals List and Ritter von Leeb, who played their part in the campaigns of the west and east when fortune was fair. Horthy and a member of his family were found in a castle at Weilheim, on the Ammer See, and taken into protective custody. List was taken in civilian clothes at his home at Garmisch Partenkirchen, and apparently stated that he was relieved of his command in 1942 after refusing to make a suicide attack on Stalingrad. Leeb was found cultivating his garden near Füssen.

MORE CAPTURES BY 3RD ARMY

BIG FORCE ACROSS ISAR

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

BAVARIAN FRONT, MAY 1

Driving steadily south-east, the Third Army now has substantial lodgments across the River Isar in the areas of Landshut and Landau, which has been cleared. Early to-day the enemy counter-attacked unsuccessfully south-west of Landshut with about 200 infantry, but, generally, resistance remains scattered and lacking in organization, with prisoners being taken in big numbers—it is estimated that there were 17,000 more yesterday.

Columns of the 11th Armoured Division which crossed the Austrian border at a new point in the vicinity of Ober Kappel, 28 miles north-west of Linz, encountered road blocks, some defended by anti-tank guns and small-arms. Other troops who drove eight miles to reach the Czech border some 23 miles north-east of Passau found stronger resistance.

Of about 110,000 allied prisoners-of-war liberated by the 14th Armoured Division, 30,000 were at Moosburg and the remainder at six other camps in the area. The 30,000 included nearly 15,000 Americans, nearly 9,000 British, including Australians, Canadians, New Zealanders, and South Africans, more than 2,000 Russians, including 27 generals, and a smaller number of French, Serbs, Poles, Italians, Greeks, Rumanians, Bulgarians, Dutch, Norwegians, and Brazilians.

An officer of the 51st (Highland) Division, who was captured at St. Valery, said that the treatment of the prisoners was horrible until 18 months ago, when the Germans realized that defeat was looming. He and his colleagues were manacled for four or five months, allegedly in reprisal for the British tying of prisoners at Dieppe.

OBITUARY

The Times list of Fallen Officers will be found on page 7.

EIGHTH ARMY LINKS WITH TITO

CONTACT ESTABLISHED BY NEW ZEALAND TROOPS

PARTISANS SAVE ITALIAN FACTORIES

Troops of the 2nd New Zealand Division of the Eighth Army, after crossing the River Isonzo yesterday, reached Monfalcone and made contact with forces of Marshal Tito's army.

Through the efforts of partisan forces, the greater part of the industrial equipment of northern Italy—factories, foundries, power stations, and hydro-electric plants—has been preserved intact in so far as it is undamaged by allied bombing.

ISONZO RIVER CROSSED

BRITISH ENTER UDINE

MEDITERRANEAN H.Q., May 1.—New Zealand troops to-day linked up with Marshal Tito's army.

Announcing the link-up, a special report to-night from General Clark's headquarters said: "Troops of the Fifteenth Army Group continue to clear the enemy from northern Italy. Leading elements of the 2nd New Zealand Division of the Eighth Army crossed the Isonzo river and reached Monfalcone this afternoon and made contact with Marshal Tito's Yugoslav troops. No details of the meeting are yet available.

"The 6th British Armoured Division entered Udine this afternoon. Armoured reconnaissance units are advancing into the Alpine foothills, north of Treviso. After clearing Conegliano and passing through Vittorio Veneto, Eighth Army troops reached Nell Alpi.

"The Fifth Army continued to advance along *the Gulf of Genoa and occupied Savona*, Spotorno, and Noli. Railway guns were captured at Busalla. On the west shores of Lake Garda American mountain troops made another amphibious landing near Campione del Garda. North-west of Milan the towns of Parabiago, Galliate, and Castano Primo have been occupied. Troops of the 88th Division have taken Cor Ruda and reached Rivalta in the drive northward from Bassano against only rearguard opposition."

Broadcasting to the people of Turin to-night, General Clark said:—"You have now joined hands with the allied armies which have entered your city. Like your sister city Milan, you have not waited to be liberated, but have struck finely and powerful blows against the Nazi and Fascist forces, greatly contributing to the enemy's defeat and demoralization. I offer you and the Corps of Freedom Volunteers my congratulations and heartfelt appreciation of your action."

The scene of the link-up is, presumably, near Trieste, which has already been entered by Yugoslav troops.—*Reuter.*

ITALIAN PARTISANS' GOOD WORK

FACTORIES SAVED FROM GERMANS

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

MILAN, MAY 1

Your Correspondent reached Milan about 40 hours after the partisans seized control of the city and 36 hours before the arrival of the first American troops.

The journey from Mantua, where we left the Fifth Army behind, was an extraordinary experience. We passed through fragments of the broken German Army who were too tired of the war to take much notice of two British war correspondents speeding along in a jeep. The only hindrance to our passage came from Italian partisans. It was necessary to approach every village roadblock with extreme caution, for behind it crouched anxious patriots with fingers on triggers of rifles, who were ready to blaze away at any enemy, but capered in ecstasies when they discovered the invader was an ally.

Half-way to Cremona we were warned that there were three truck-loads of armed Germans at the next cross-road. The report was correct. They were a scratch lot of infantry from various units under the command of a very nervous lieutenant who was just as conscious as his men that the war was finished for them. He was still keen to do his duty as a soldier, but not at all sure what that might be in the circumstances. We tried to persuade him to surrender to the local partisans. A kindly farmer invited them all to his house to celebrate the end of the war if only they would lay down their arms, but the lieutenant continued to boggle at the inevitable, and so we left him to settle with the partisans by himself.

Cremona was just rid of the Germans and could not quite believe it; and so the two allied representatives had to be paraded down the *corso* to show that the Fifth Army had really arrived. From Cremona onwards parties of Germans were met all along the road, some armed and some unarmed, but all quite innocuous. Driving along the road through the middle of droves of enemy soldiers was like a dream. Near Piadena the imposing Fascist headquarters was reported to be manned by 200 obdurate Fascists with machine-guns, but the 200 die-hards resolved themselves, after cautious reconnaissance, into one dignified but distressed communal secretary with half a dozen supporters who were anxious only that they should not be massacred by Communists.

RETREAT FROM PIACENZA

Beyond Crema we bumped into the tail of a German armoured column retreating from Piacenza in the hope of reaching the Brenner Pass by way of Brescia. They had just been bombed by a flight of Mustangs and were clearly surprised to find two British war correspondents in their midst, but apparently regarded it as an inevitable detail of their unfortunate lot. Near by, in the villages round Lodi, were quartered a whole division of Czechoslovaks who had deserted from the Germans and were waiting for allied troops to come along. So in the dusk we came to Milan, and crowds swarmed into the streets to greet us.

The liberation of Milan by the combined efforts of its Committee of National Liberation and partisans represented the culminating effort of the resistance movement, which during the last year had been organized to a high degree of efficiency. What happened in Milan happened also in Turin, Genoa, and nearly all the big cities of Lombardy and Piedmont. The result has been that the greater part of the industrial equipment of northern Italy, factories, foundries, power stations, and hydro-electric plants, have been preserved intact in so far as they are undamaged by allied bombing. Broadly speaking, they require only raw materials and a certain amount of readjustment to begin operating for peace-time requirements.

In the case of Milan three-sided negotiations had been in progress for the last two months between the Committee of National Liberation and the German and Fascist authorities, with the object of securing that the Germans should not wreck factories when they withdrew, but no conclusion was reached. Accordingly, when the Fifth Army crossed the Po the Committee decided that the time had come to put into action plans prepared for a general insurrection, with the object of seizing control before any harm could be done.

GENERAL STRIKE

Last Wednesday a general strike was declared, and during the night workmen occupied the factories while partisans began operations to neutralize the armed forces of the enemy. The Germans had no fighting troops in Milan, only staff officers and headquarters troops, but there were strong forces of the Fascist militia, believed to number more than 100,000 men. These, however, were unreliable since they were recruited largely from men who wanted simply to escape being drafted to Germany. Large bodies of these men were easily disarmed. The Germans and those Fascists who resisted were quickly besieged in the buildings they occupied. Sporadic fighting went on throughout Thursday, but by nightfall the Committee was well in control and had taken over the administration of the city.

By Friday night, when I arrived, the Fascists had been liquidated, except for small pockets of resistance, and a truce had been established with the German staffs in their various hotels. Promiscuous shooting was still going on, and still is, as odd groups of Fascists are hunted down and either killed or forced to surrender. However, shops are open, *tramcars are running, and the life of* the city is, to all intents, normal. The Germans, who declined to give up their arms to the partisans, eventually surrendered to an American, Colonel Fiske, of the Allied Commission, who, with Colonel Poletti, destined to be the allied governor in Lombardy, arrived in Milan on Sunday evening.

Small parties of German troops are still wandering about the countryside, but are being rounded up gradually. A much larger body has been cut off this side of the Swiss frontier.

R.A.F. TOLL OF AXIS AIRCRAFT

NEARLY 8,000 DESTROYED BY HOME COMMANDS

The Air Ministry issued last night the following statement on the number of enemy aircraft destroyed by the R.A.F. and R.A.F. losses from the beginning of the war up to April 28 this year:—

HOME-BASED COMMANDS

Axis aircraft destroyed by R.A.F.:—	
By Bomber Command	759
By Fighter Command in defensive and offensive operations ..	6,977
By Coastal Command	175
Total	7,911
R.A.F. losses:—	
Bomber Command	7,997
Fighter Command (in offensive and defensive operations) ..	2,998
Coastal Command	454
Total	11,449

AMERICAN OPERATIONS

The following are statistics of operations against Germany by American Air Forces and units from the beginning of those operations until mid-April:—

8th AIR FORCE

Tonnage—694,938 (530,758 on Germany proper).
Sorties—332,856 bombers; 260,006 fighters.
Claims—Fighters, 5,230 air; 4,307 ground. Bombers, 6,001 air; 3,073 around (destroyed or damaged).
Losses—4,161 bombers; 2,016 fighters.

15th AIR FORCE

Tonnage—303,842.
Sorties—148,955 bombers; 87,732 fighters.
Claims—3,949 air; 2,342 ground.
Losses—2,363 bombers; 1,801 fighters.

9th AIR FORCE

Tonnage—214,802.
Sorties—379,698.
Claims—2,277 air; 2,058 ground.
Losses 771 bombers 2,134 fighters.
(No distinction available between bombers and fighters.)

12th AIR FORCE

Tonnage—215,380.
Sorties—116,710 bombers; 268,740 fighters.
Claims—2,913 air; 220 ground.
Losses—767 bombers; 1,771 fighters.

1st T.A.F. (AMERICAN COMPONENT)

Tonnage—24,813.
Sorties—5,291 bombers; 43,476 fighters.
Claims—231 air; 437 ground.
Losses—39 bombers; 253 fighters.

9th TROOP CARRIER COMMAND

183,857 tons freight transported; 19,354,[illegible] gallons petrol; 200,000 patients evacuated; 73,500 prisoners of war evacuated; 61,712 troops carried on movements of units; 261,449 troops carried on airborne operations; 9,710 aircraft flown on major operations; 3,696 gliders towed into battle.

ATTACK ON JAPANESE IN BORNEO

AUSTRALIANS TAKE PART

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

CANBERRA, MAY 1

Mr. Chifley, acting Prime Minister, announced in the House of Representatives to-night that Australian troops of a famous division which served in the Middle East were taking part in an action against the Japanese in Borneo. He said that further news of the action would be contained in the *communiqué* issued by General MacArthur.

NEW YORK, May 1.—A Tokyo broadcast heard here to-day said that allied forces landed on the east coast of Borneo late on Monday night. The announcement said that the landing was made in the Tarakan area, and that allied troops were in "fierce combat" with Japanese forces.

It is believed in New York that the invasion may have been made by troops operating from the American base of Tawitawi, about 50 miles off the coast of north Borneo, and just under 200 miles from Tarakan. It is thought that the bombarding fleet may be partly British.—*Reuter.*

POSTHUMOUS V.C.

The King has approved the posthumous award of the Victoria Cross to Jemadar Parkash Singh, 13th Frontier Force Rifles, Indian Army, for conspicuous bravery in Burma. The citation is on page 3.

NUFFIELD TO MANUFACTURE IN AUSTRALIA

The Nuffield organization, following on Lord Nuffield's recent visit to Australia, has formed an Australian company with a capital of £1,000,000 for the manufacture of automobiles in the Dominion. Initially, the company will manufacture motor bodies only, but it is intended to extend its activities progressively to every phase of production.

¶ Further details are given in City Notes, on page 9.

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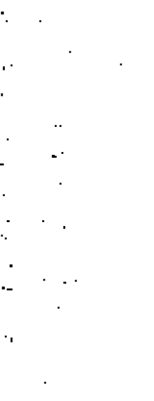

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Hitler's imperial fantasies came to nothing but he continues to capture the popular imagination

Bunker suicide put seal on early end to 1,000-year Reich

By John Young

AT 2.30pm on April 30, 1945, Sergeant Kantariya of the Soviet Army waved a red banner from the second floor of the Reichstag, Hitler's puppet parliament in Berlin. One hour later, the Führer finished lunch in a room in his bunker and ordered his secretary, Martin Bormann, and Josef Goebbels, his Propaganda Minister who doubled as the capital's *gauleiter*, into the passage outside.

Moments later there was a single shot. Staff re-entering the room found their leader dead, apparently having shot himself in the mouth. Beside him was the body of Eva Braun, the mistress whom he had married just 36 hours earlier and who had taken poison. That same day both corpses were dragged into a courtyard, doused with petrol and incinerated.

At 10.50 that evening, two Russian soldiers reached the roof of the Reichstag and found a gash caused by shellfire. In it they planted a flagpole on which they ran up the Red Flag to inform the world that the 1,000-year Reich had ended prematurely after just 12 years.

Such were the part-heroic, part-sordid elements of the *Götterdämmerung* (twilight of the gods) that Hitler might secretly have foreseen and feared. For weeks beforehand, as the Russians advanced from the east, the British and Americans from the west and his forces in Italy collapsed, he must have been aware that the Rhine had symbolically risen to obliterate his dream.

If he had needed a signal, it had come ten days earlier on the afternoon of April 20, when two Russian long-range artillery shells landed in Berlin. By that time the morale of its inhabitants had been shattered by months of incessant bombing.

During 1943 and 1944 the RAF mounted a succession of 1,000-bomber raids. One in three homes had been destroyed and 150,000 civilians killed or seriously injured.

It was the threat from the east that obsessed Berliners. One reason was that vastly more Germans had been killed and wounded in the disastrous invasion of Russia, and in the equally bloody counter-offensive by the Red Army, than on the Western Front.

Peter Saltz, a US Army private, inspects the bed where Hitler slept in his bunker in the days before before he committed suicide as Berlin fell

Some three and a half years had passed since the launch of Operation Barbarossa, when Hitler turned on his former ally Stalin. By now his boastful forecast of an empire stretching from the Atlantic to the Urals, and his theories of an insuperable master Aryan race that would consign the Slavs to the same fate as the Jews, had been exposed as hideous nonsense. After crossing the Oder and the Neisse, three Russian army groups, under the command of the Soviet Marshals Zhukov, Konev and Rokossovsky, were advancing on the city from north, east and south. The Western Allies, true to the agreement reached at Yalta, had halted on the Elbe.

Those Berliners who had hoped that they might be able to throw themselves upon the mercy of the British and Americans were sadly disappointed. The choice was between the Red Army and a long trek westward, a course for which many high-ranking Nazis opted.

As the Russians entered the city, resistance in the form of street-to-street fighting was largely confined to the Hitler Youth and the home guard, both poorly trained and armed. The rest of the citizenry had had enough; all they wanted was an end to their suffering. Hitler screamed against any talk of surrender.

Albert Speer, his Minister for Munitions and at one time one of his closest confidants, refused to carry out orders to destroy all factories, bridges, roads and railways, arguing that it was now all too late. But his stand itself was too late; he was captured and jailed in Spandau. After Hitler's suicide, Goebbels assumed temporary command and attempted to negotiate a truce, evidently believing that the Russians would recognise him as Chancellor. Having failed to do so, he killed himself the following morning. His wife, Magda, poisoned each of their six young children before taking her own life. By May 2, the Russians were in full control of "the lair of the Fascist monster". General Weidling, the German military commandant, recorded a message of unconditional surrender which was broadcast from loudspeaker vans across the city.

Hitler was dead and of his henchmen, several committed suicide; the rest surrendered or were captured to face trial by war crimes tribunals.

Führer retains a powerful grip on global psyche

From Roger Boyes in Bonn

FIFTY years after Adolf Hitler's body was burned and buried in the garden of his Berlin Chancellery, the Nazi leader retains a grip on the popular imagination in Germany and the world.

Historians argue over Hitler's final moments in the bunker; teachers and politicians disagree over how to portray him in textbooks; an exhibition of Hitler portraits is viewed as dangerous; and publishers fret about publishing his turgid manifesto, *Mein Kampf*.

Hitler compels attention. A picture of him or a swastika on the cover of a paperback can boost sales by 25 per cent or more in the United States and many European countries. The sheer evil of the man fascinates in the same way that serial murderers captivate reading and cinema audiences. Little wonder that the details of his death are combed over and over again.

There is the melodrama of April 29-30, his last two days alive: the thunder of artillery fire over the bunker, the strange wedding with Eva Braun — witnessed by Josef Goebbels and Martin Bormann — the dictation of his personal and political wills, the final disastrous report from the front, the handing out of poison capsules, the fatal shot. A frantic 48 hours for the infirm Führer as the Third Reich and his personal crazed world collapsed around him.

It took many months — and a bizarre reconstruction with captured bunker survivors — to convince Stalin that Hitler was really dead. The Nazi leader had been endowed with almost demonic status by the Russians. How could he die like a normal human being? For years Hitler was "spotted" in Paraguay and other distant places.

It is this uncertainty about the real meaning and character of Hitler that has prompted the macabre stories of recent weeks. *Der Spiegel*, after digging in Moscow archives, plausibly claimed that Hitler, his wife, and the Goebbels family were removed from the Chancellery garden, buried at a Soviet army base in Magdeburg, and later cremated by KGB agents. Arguments rage over the exact manner of his death. Historians have dismissed with unusual ferocity claims by the surgeon and writer, Hugh Thomas, that Hitler was strangled by his valet.

More intriguing, perhaps, is the magnetic pull of the banal minutiae of Hitler's life. A recent display of portraits taken by his "court" photographer, Heinrich Hoffmann, drew the crowds in Munich: Hitler with dog; Hitler in leather shorts; all very tastefully lit. Berlin, nervous that the photographs were adding to the myth, decided not to stage the exhibition and it has since moved to Switzerland.

Teachers were enthusiastic about a Hitler comic book which tried to give a human dimension to the Nazi leader, but it was withdrawn from schools after politicians lost their nerve. The interest is by no means confined to Germany. Hitler, in his monstrous dimensions, has become something of a universal yardstick. There is curiosity about his wine cellar, his dogs, his taste in books. Perhaps the accumulation of trivia is a way of piecing together the puzzle of Hitler's charisma.

Braun: married Nazi leader in bunker

Despite German attempts to prevent foreign publication, *Mein Kampf* has been translated into several languages. The Bavarian Finance Ministry, which has the rights to the virulently anti-Semitic book, has turned down printing requests from Hungary and Norway and has persuaded publishers in Mexico and Spain to stop producing the book.

Survivors of Dachau remember in the rain

From Larry Thorson in Dachau

WITH prayers for the tens of thousands of dead, survivors of the Dachau concentration camp yesterday used the fiftieth anniversary of their liberation to remind future generations to be vigilant against Fascism and inhumanity.

A steady rain drenched those who came to renew their memories of Dachau, the first concentration camp set up by Hitler soon after he took power in 1933. More than 30,000 died at Dachau. When US Army units of the 42nd Infantry, the Rainbow Division, liberated the camp, they found railway wagons full of corpses, and bodies stacked outside the crematorium as the SS had run out of coal.

☐ **Mauthausen:** Ceremonies dedicated to the memory of prisoners who died in the Austrian death camp here begin tomorrow, with American veterans who liberated Mauthausen expected at the main commemoration next Sunday. More than 110,000 people died here, mostly worked to death in an adjacent quarry. Some starving inmates ate the raw flesh of dying comrades. (*AP*)

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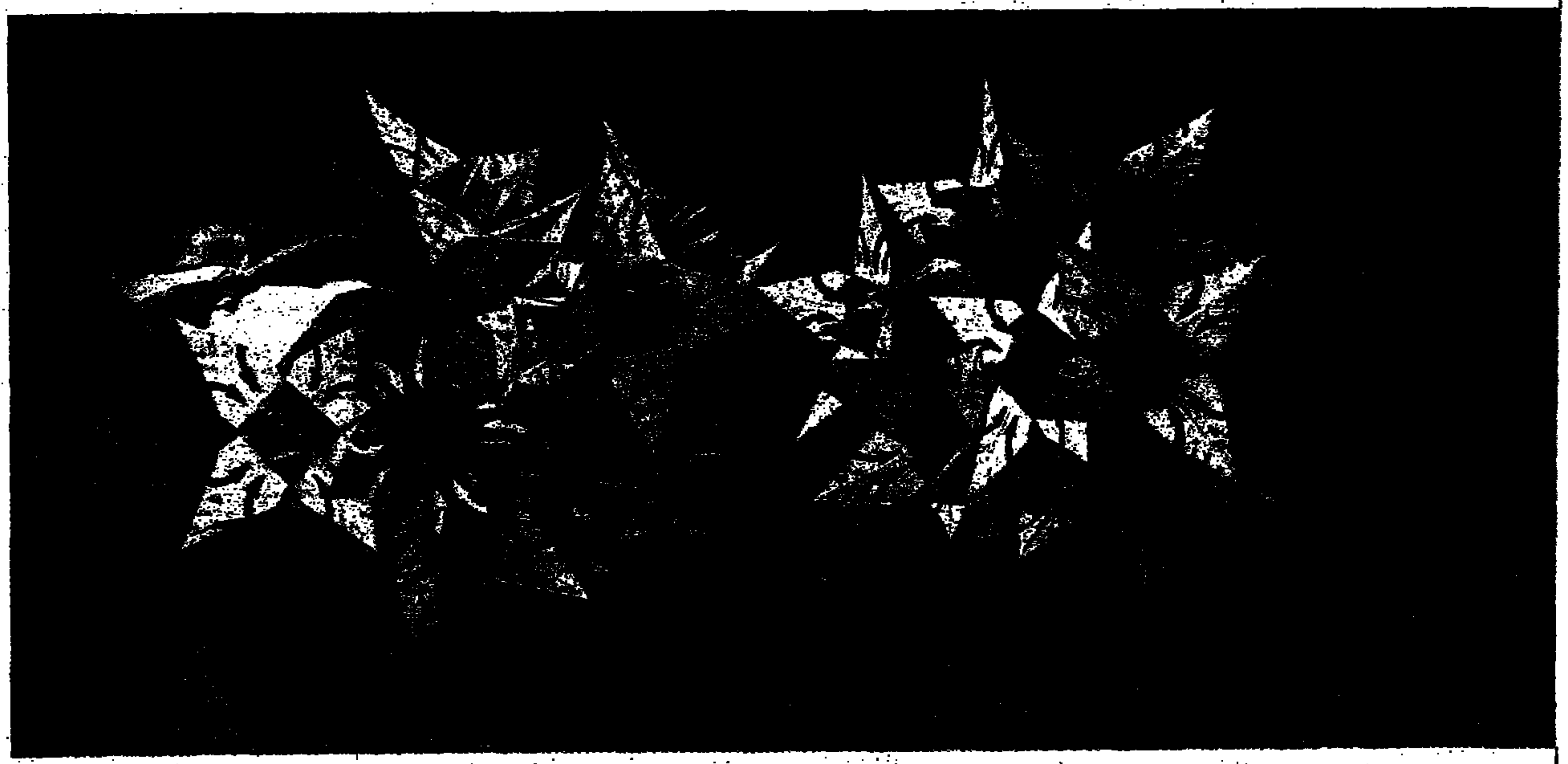

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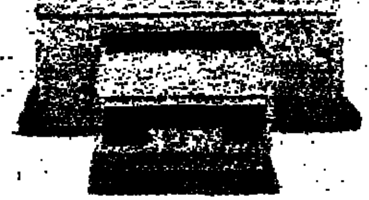

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ARTS THE WEEK AHEAD

■ VISUAL ART

Twilight zones: Sir Ernst Gombrich chooses a show of shadowy masterpieces for the National Gallery

ON SHOW: Now
REVIEW: Tomorrow

■ DANCE

With its president Princess Caroline in tow, Les Ballets de Monte Carlo plays a week at Sadler's Wells

OPENS: Tomorrow
REVIEW: Thursday

■ MUSIC

Anne-Sophie Mutter displays her peerless violinistic virtuosity in a series of Festival Hall concerts

OPENS: Wednesday
REVIEW: Friday

■ OPERA

Graham Vick's staging of Purcell's King Arthur, already the toast of Paris, comes to Covent Garden

OPENS: Wednesday
REVIEW: Friday

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

YOLANDE SNAITH. Snaith's Theatredance Company gives the London premiere of her newest work, *Swinger*, this week. Her work generally has a greater emphasis on theatre rather than dance but always offers striking visual treats. A welcome addition to the Spring Loaded festival.
The Place, Duke's Road, WC1 (0171-387 0031). Tonight-Sat, 8pm.

FORCE OF DESTINY: Verdi's shattering family tragedy is certainly popular at the moment. One production was revived by Scottish Opera last Friday and English National Opera relaunches Nicholas Hytner's tonight. Alexander Rahbari conducts, with Janice Cairns, David Rendall, Jonathan Summers and Anne-Marie Owens; revival directed by Emma Jenkins.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-632 8300). Tonight, 7pm. Ⓢ

CHRISTOPHER KITE CELEBRATED Soprano Emma Kirkby joins the Hanover Band and Palladian Ensemble tonight for a programme that would have delighted an early-music specialist like the late Christopher Kite. Included are works by Handel, Purcell, Weber, Schubert and Matthais. In aid of early music at the Guildhall School.
St John's, Smith Square, SW1 (0171-222 1061). Tonight, 7.30pm.

ELSEWHERE

GUILDFORD: The Canterbury Tales are back on the road, played as a modern-day storytelling competition, with a nervous vicar as MC (Brian Cant) and Brian Glover as the irrepressible *Miller*. Adapted by Michael Bogdanov and written by Robin Davies.
Yvonne Arnaud, Millbrook (01483 440000). Tonight-Thurs, 7.45pm; Fri and Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm Ⓢ

COVENTRY: Jenny Seagrove and Hayley Mills continue their game of cat and mouse in Richard Harris's **Dead Guilty**. Auriol Smith directs the tale of strange events and guilty secrets swirling around a traumatised accident victim.
Belgrade, Belgrade Square (01203 553055). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 2.30 and Sat, 4pm. Ⓢ

MANCHESTER: Celebrations to mark the 150th anniversary of **Gabriel Fauré** continue this week, with a lively mix of works from Fauré and his compatriots. Tonight's programme is from the Nash Ensemble; looking ahead, Yan Pascal Tortelier conducts the BBC Philharmonic tomorrow, there are recitals from Kathryn Stott, Della Jones and the Labèque sisters and Tortelier returns for Saturday's closing concert, with Sally Burgess and Michael George.
Free Trade Hall and **Royal Northern College of Music** (0161-273 4504). Tonight, 7.30pm (RNCM), 7.30pm Ⓢ

BOURNEMOUTH: Mark Eistob and Toby Walton join Richard Todd, Barbara Murray and Nigel Davenport as Charles Ryder and Sebastian Flyte in the ever-popular **Brideshead Revisited**. Charles Vance directs Waugh's witty and candid social commentary, on tour through the summer.
Pavilion, Westover Road, (01202 297297). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: *Impressionism in Britain*, (0171-638-4141) . . **British Museum:** *Contemporary Chinese Painting* (0171-636 1555) . . . **National Gallery:** Gombrich on Shadows (0171-839 3321) . . **National Portrait Gallery:** Richard Avedon (0171-306 0055) . . . **Royal Academy:** Odilon Redon (0171-439 7438) . . **Tate.** Willem de Kooning (0171-887 8000) . . . **V & A:** *Prints of the Raphael Cartoons* (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◩ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ **AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'** Exhilaratin' song' n' dance show created from the hits of Fats Waller. Non-stop energy on feet.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

☐ **DANGEROUS CORNER:** Keith Baxter directs an excellent cast in Priestley's psychological thriller about the grey areas in people's lives it is wiser not to probe into
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (0171-369 1735). Tonight-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. Final week.

◩ **THE DUCHESS OF MALFI:** Juliet Stevenson and Simon Russell Beale in Webster's tragedy of incest, murder and the borderland of the mind. Philip Franks directs Greenwich Theatre's sell-out success.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1746). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

☐ **THE KILLING OF SISTER GEORGE:** Miriam Margolyes plays the tweedy soap heroine in Frank Marcus's excellent comedy with a bite. Serena Evans and Josephine Tewson play her treacherous companion and boss. Mark Raymond directs.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (0171-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5.30pm.

◩ **INDIAN INK:** Felicity Kendal, Art Malik and Margaret Tyzack in Tom Stoppard's latest, wittily, poignantly, exploring aspects of Anglo-Indian resentments and respect.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

■ **THE MILL ON THE FLOSS:** Three actresses (Anne-Marie Duff, Catherine Cusack and Helen Schlesinger) play the heroine in Shared Experience's acclaimed production.
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed, 1.30pm and Sat, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

☐ **ONE FINE DAY.** Joe McGann's compelling performance as a devoted dad caught up in a child-abuse case. Dennis Lumborg's engrossing one-man play
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730) Tonight-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. Final week.

◩ **OUR BOYS:** Jonathan Lewis's searching and often funny drama set in a military hospital where the soldiers start questioning the army's commitment to them. Niki Turner directs.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm; Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Ⓢ

■ **SIMPATICO:** Powerful acting from Ciaran Hinds, Sean McGinley, Janet McTeer and Tony Haygarth in Sam Shepard's first play for a decade. A shared secret from long ago connects two men now living very different lives. Not vintage but inciteful and gripping.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3pm. Until May 27.

■ **SKYLIGHT:** Michael Gambon and Lia Williams play an estranged couple, the man's son pleads for their reconciliation. Richard Eyre directs David Hare's tenth play for the National.
National, (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Now previewing, 7.30pm; opens May 4. Ⓢ

☐ **TWELFTH NIGHT.** Ian Judge's delightful production from last year's Stratford. With Desmond Barrit as Malvolio and Emma Fielding as Viola - both irresistible.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm; mat Thurs, 2pm Ⓢ

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

CAPTIVES (15) Romance in a prison dentist's surgery. Modest British film that loses its way in melodrama, with Tim Roth and Julia Ormond. Director, Angela Pope.
MGM Haymarket (0171-839 1527) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

EXOTICA (18): Inventive variations on the theme of voyeurism from quirky Canadian director Atom Egoyan. With Bruce Greenwood, Mia Kirshner
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030)

EYES WITHOUT A FACE (18) Welcome revival of Georges Franju's haunting horror film about skin grafting, made in 1959. With Pierre Brasseur, Alida Valli, Edith Scob.
ICA Ⓢ (0171-930 3647)

◆ **LEGENDS OF THE FALL** (15): Bogus epic about a Montana family early in the century. With Brad Pitt, Aidan Quinn and Anthony Hopkins. Director, Edward Zwick.
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 6705) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426 915683) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

THIN ICE (12): Gauche but sweet British film about lesbian ice-skaters. Fiona Cunningham Reid directs Charlotte Avery and Sabra Williams.
MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **MGM Tottenham Court Rd** (0171-636 6148)

CURRENT

◆ **AN AWFULLY BIG ADVENTURE** (15). A teenager's postwar theatre experiences. Fascinating abrasive drama from Beryl Bainbridge's novel. Mike Newell directs Alan Rickman, Hugh Grant and Georgina Cates.
MGMs: Fulham Road Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN (18) A decent transfer of Ariel Dorfman's play, but a cramped, impersonal film for Roman Polanski. With Sigourney Weaver, Ben Kingsley, Stuart Wilson.
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Screen/Hill** Ⓢ (0171-435 3366)

◆ **THE MADNESS OF KING GEORGE** (PG): Nigel Hawthorne reigns supreme as Alan Bennett's tormented monarch. A fine film transfer, with Helen Mirren and Ian Holm.
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◆ **NOBODY'S FOOL** (15): Endearing slice of small-town Americana, with Paul Newman, Melanie Griffith, Bruce Willis.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGM Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** Ⓢ (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098)

◆ **ONCE WERE WARRIORS** (18). Forceful New Zealand tale of Maori culture ravaged by the urban ghetto. Lee Tamahori directs a powerful cast.
Electric Ⓢ (0171-792 2020) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **ONE HUNDRED AND ONE DALMATIANS** (U): Disney's pleasant, witty cartoon version of Dodie Smith's book about endangered puppies.
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◆ **OUTBREAK** (18). Taut virus thriller that turns silly. With Dustin Hoffman and Rene Russo and Morgan Freeman. Director, Wolfgang Petersen.
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POETIC JUSTICE (15). Over-ambitious romantic odyssey from *Boyz 'N' the Hood* director John Singleton, with Janet Jackson and Tupac Shakur.
MGM Trocadero Ⓢ (0171-434 0031)

Lamé, but never limp

JOEL CHANT/NEWS TEAM

Courtney Love puts her heart on her sleeve and her guts on the line as Hole start a British tour in Woverhampton

POP

Hole
Civic Hall, Wolverhampton

As one of the year's most eagerly awaited tours kicks off its British dates, no one quite knows what to expect. Hole are led by one of rock's most infamous widows, Courtney Love. As she and many others struggle to come to terms with the suicide last year of her husband Kurt Cobain, there is a feeling that Hole's music is in danger of becoming uncomfortably voyeuristic, the sonic equivalent of walking on broken bones.

Love demands immediate respect by sheer dint of her tearstained toughness. "I'm so sick of you press saying I'm having a nervous breakdown and I'm gonna die," she says, as the last swirling chords of Hole's opening song, Neil Young's *Cinnamon Girl*, fade. "I ain't going nowhere." Love, wearing a silver lamé dress and tiara, pushes her bottle-blonde hair slowly back.

The lean drive of the songs that follow — *Plump*, *Beautiful Son* and *Miss World* — has a vital, bellicose flame, as do *Asking For It* and the new single, *Doll Parts*. Hole are a tight, punchy outfit with screaming fuzz guitars capable of hitting everyone's nerve centre. If drummer Patty Schemel and bassist Melissa Auf der Maur determine the band's velocity, then guitarists Eric Erlandson and Love direct it. The effect might be likened to being driven through a motorway contraflow at a hundred miles per hour, Love flicking her wrist, in a bored, inconsequential way, across the steering wheel instead of her guitar.

In between songs the band goofed about, playing excerpts from Gary Numan's *Cars* and Julian Cope's *World Shut Your Mouth*, and Love addressed the audience's choice of T-shirts. The removal of a Pearl Jam shirt was rewarded by the evening's most electrifying song. Standing alone on an empty stage, Love delivered a version of Cobain's *Pennyroyal Tea*.

Hole deserve a separate and distinct status from that of Cobain and Nirvana. Hole's second, now re-released album, *Live Through This*, is a compelling work, deserving merit and admiration in its own right. But, released as it was around the time of Cobain's death, such autonomy is now impossible. It was interpreted as a survivor's album, a work of mourning, an aspect heightened by the drugs-related death of Hole's previous bassist, Kristen Pfaff. Indeed, Love (and who can blame her?) blurs the boundaries: Cobain's name is endlessly invoked.

Come the encores, Love (now in rubber fetish knickers and skimpy top) dives into the audience to remove some T-shirts that offend simply because they advertise unfavoured bands. It is a messy end to an otherwise extraordinary concert.

LOUISE GRAY

Baltic virtuosity

ORCHESTRAL

LPO/Welser-Möst
Festival Hall

THE Symphony No 3 was the only work to surface from Arvo Pärt's self-imposed period of silent reorientation as a composer: those years between 1968 and 1976 when he devoted himself to studying Gregorian chant and medieval church music. It is exactly what one would expect: a tapestry, in skilfully varied textures and orchestral colours, of plainsong-like melodies, transparent skeins of modal harmony and agitated little trilling figures.

As such it seems an intensely private piece whose main interest now is chiefly documentary. The London Philharmonic under Franz Welser-Möst played it with enthusiastic commitment, and Pärt himself acknowledged the warm applause.

The rest of the concert — with the exception of an incongruous Frank Martin Ballade for Trombone (Graham Lee) — was sensitively and strongly structured. Pärt was followed first by his fellow Finno-Ugric composer Sibelius, and then by Shostakovich, whose Sixth Symphony was robustly performed here. But I cannot remember ever hearing a finer live performance of Sibelius's Violin Concerto than this one by 20-year-old Maxim Vengerov. He sang out Sibelius's ever-strengthening endless melody, and perpetuated it throughout an opening movement of intense virtuosity. And every cross-rhythm, stress and counter-stress told in the meticulously characterised articulation of the finale.

HILARY FINCH

Fear of the skat

SOUL

Tuck and Patti
Queen Elizabeth Hall

THE duo of guitarist and singer has noble precedents in popular music: Joe Pass and Ella Fitzgerald, Les Paul and Mary Ford. Today's best exponents of the combination is a Los Angeles-based husband and wife team, guitarist Tuck Andress and singer Patti Cathcart.

With a fourth album, *Learning How To Fly*, due any day, they are building up a loyal and adoring London following. Just a few months ago, their idiosyncratic blend of soul, jazz and blues attracted a cult following to Camden's tiny Jazz Café; last Thursday evening they brought this significantly larger venue to *its* feet with their virtuosity.

Their respective gifts are dazzling. Andress is a wonderfully gifted acoustic guitarist, arguably as subtle and inventive as even the legendary Wes Montgomery. And the seemingly instinctive symbiosis he achieves with his wife's big, bitter chocolate voice is often breathtaking.

She in turn sings boldly, at times in a manner reminiscent of a wistful Sarah Vaughan, more often in a style that is purely her own, which tends to involve a level of improvisational pyrotechnics that can double or even treble the length of a song.

Hence, at the eleventh hour, a bravely unsentimental version of Cyndi Lauper's *Time After Time* turned into a group singalong, with Cathcart urging her willing audience to mass participation and in so doing destroying the atmosphere she had so successfully built up. And, too often, a Bobby McFerrin-like ability to use her whole body as an instrument was allowed to distract from her power as a fine interpreter of lyrics.

The cheers that such displays provoked suggested that much of Tuck and Patti's growing constituency loves this aspect of their music. But the simple beauty of his playing and her singing on relatively unadorned items like *Heaven Down Here*, Lennon and McCartney's *In My Life* or Joni Mitchell's *Woodstock* made me wish that their own instinct was to reserve the fireworks for July 4.

ALAN JACKSON

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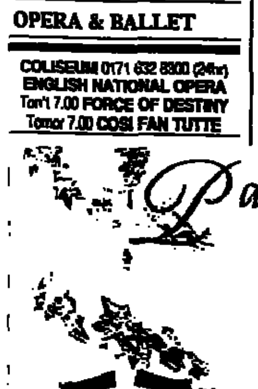

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Dog days and dark days

VISUAL ART: In Los Angeles, David Hockney has launched his most impressive exhibition for years. **Giles Whittell** reports

One of the perks of being the best-known visual artist of your time and place is that eventually BMW sidles up and asks you for your autograph. You are invited, that is, as Rauschenberg and Lichtenstein were before you, to paint one of its cars. In return you get a factory-painted one free.

David Hockney has chosen a top-of-the-line BMW 850i coupe. A scale model of one on which he has roughed out his design sits on a pedestal in the middle of his barn-like studio (barn-like except for its serrated roof, which famously, lets the LA afternoon pour in as if from halogen lamps). The new paint job will be simple; impudently so. Various things that belong inside the actual machine — a big V8 engine, two passengers, and a dog on the back seat — will be rendered crudely, as a child might render them, on the outside. It should take a couple of days.

> ❛ If you're not working, and pondering too much instead, I think you go mad ❜

As I gawp at the conception and its chutzpah, the artist merely chuckles and admits it should be "fun".

Connections undoubtedly exist between this inside-outing of a motor car and the adventures in abstraction in his latest exhibition, but he leaves it to the viewer to make them. He certainly shows no sign of coveting another sports car. (He already owns a big Mercedes for his ritualistic drives between Hollywood and Malibu, which he has "choreographed" to Wagner)

In fact, after an hour or so in Hockney's presence, it seems that the real perk of pre-eminence at a time of deep sadness over the loss of friends to Aids and other illnesses may be straightforward: it gives him the option of keeping very busy.

Hockney pretends to be baffled by the question of why he keeps working, and perhaps with reason. For 30 years, from Bradford to California and in plenty of hotels and opera houses in between, he has scarcely stopped painting — ample evidence that industry is simply in his blood. "What else would you do?" he says. "You have to keep the mind exercised. You have to find excitement."

But in recent months he has lost four friends, among them the New York curator Henry Geldzahler, and he has needed solace too.

"If you're not working, and pondering too much instead", he says, "I think you go mad." One result of the therapy is the current exhibition, his largest since the major retrospective that travelled from Los Angeles to the Tate via New York in 1988. Begun in 1993 but completed in a crescendo of activity this past winter, the new work at the LA Louver gallery, near Venice beach, is in three distinct groups laboriously titled *Some Very Large New Paintings With Twenty-Five Dogs Upstairs And Some Drawings Of Friends.*

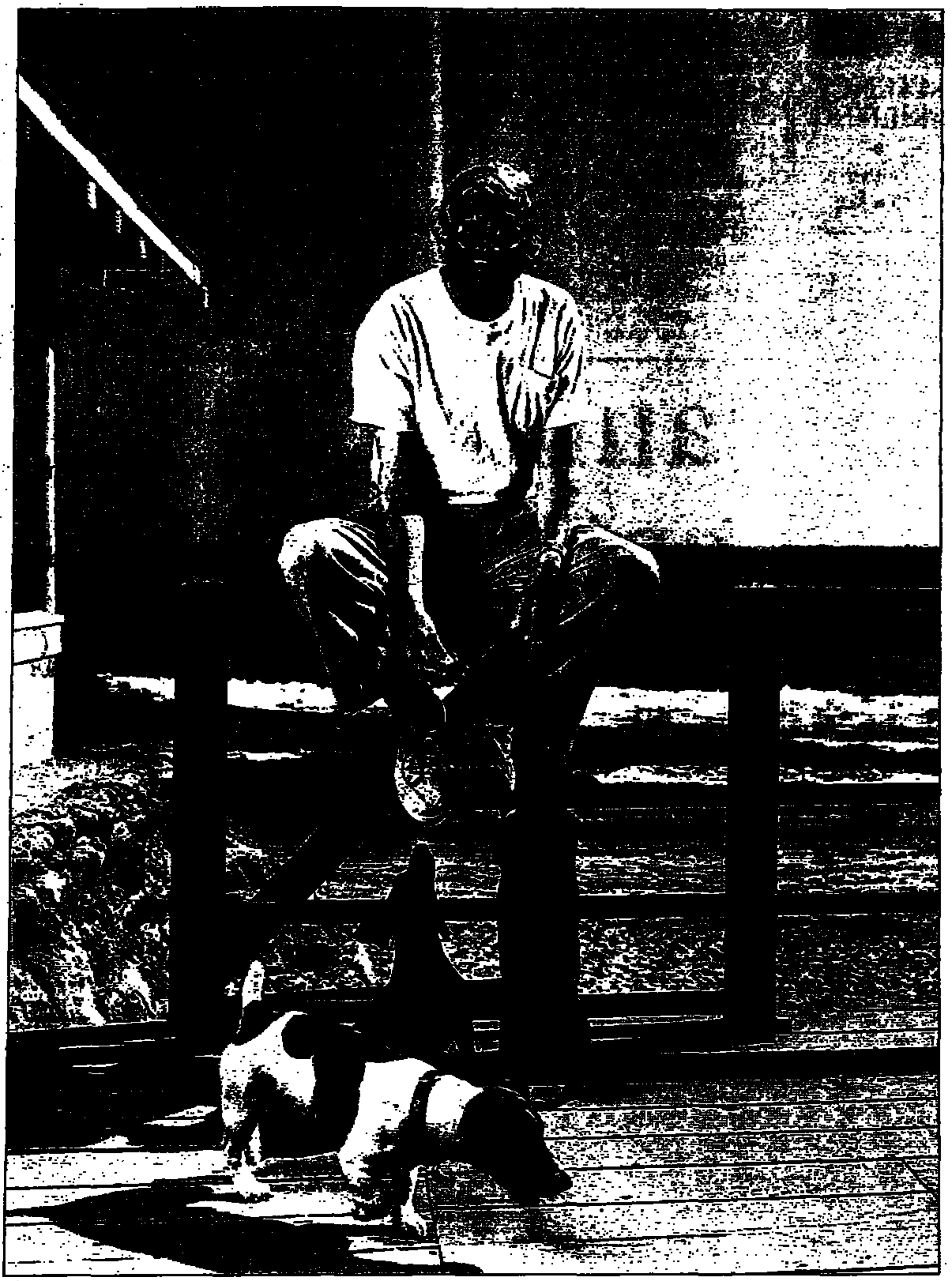
One painting dominates the show. It's an enormous, mesmeric canvas, in two halves, as rich in texture and perspectives as it is in shape and colour. If there are traces in it of Hockney's past visions of southern California — *The Road To Malibu* (1988), for instance — they are overwhelmed by the painting's conceptual ambitions. Kimberly Davis, who has represented Hockney at the Louver for more than a decade, calls this piece "the culmination of a 15-year inquiry into abstraction and space as redefined by Cubism". Quantum physics and Chinese scrolls apparently had a hand in it as well.

Hockney adds that the painting, called *Snail's Space*, is composed on "the scale necessary for drawing with your body", as distinct from with your wrist or fingers. He demonstrates the difference, first making quick black squiggles on a sheet of brown paper at his elbow (the temptation to pilfer it is considerable), then striding down the studio brandishing a giant paintbrush. The idea, he explains, is to help to draw the viewer into the painting with the intimacy of his own body language.

Beyond this, he is a reluctant interpreter of his latest showpiece. As one of the purest works of abstraction he has attempted it is also, after all, one of his most subjective. "There's all complicated things there," he drawls in his unique dialect of Yorkshire vowels and surf-bum syntax. "But the viewer doesn't have to know any of them. You simply take it in; you just enjoy it. I made a painting. I'm not going to make an essay."

No essays are needed upstairs at the Louver. The 13 crayon drawings of his friends shown here, and the multiple oil paintings of Stanley and Boodgie, his beloved dachshunds, are if anything more real and immediate than photographs. But they still have strong links with the maelstrom of visual ideas downstairs, Hockney says. He is one of those links, of course, and this exhibition is an impressive reminder of his versatility. But the dogs, the friends and the abstract paintings also share a mood of contemplative withdrawal.

The world Hockney has been painting recently is far removed from the paradise of swimming pools and naked men he found and immortalised in the California of the 1960s. "It is in a way an internal world," he says. "And when I looked at the visible world I drew and painted only the most immediate things there — my two dogs, which are always here, usually in the studio, and studies of my friends, who are sitting quite close to me. You could say that's as far as I'm going into the real world just now."



One man and his dogs: David Hockney limits his "real world" to man's best friends, and his best friends

Stanley and Boodgie, yapping madly, are the first to welcome any visitor to the studio in the Hollywood Hills. Hockney has to pick them up and turn them round before they waddle back to their beds beneath the scale model of the BMW, where they promptly fall asleep. This was how he painted most of their 25 portraits, turning to a prepared easel from whatever else he happened to be doing the moment that they lay still, and then working furiously until they woke up.

It was intensive and exhausting, but a good antidote to brooding on the loss of friends. "Frankly, it was a response just for me," he says. "I could deal with something loving." Taking his cue from a biography of Cyril Connolly that he happens to be reading, he rails against Los Angeles at large for forgetting how to love life and succumbing instead to a morbid fear of death (from cigarettes as well as Aids; a diatribe by Auberon Waugh against Californian health fanatics is pinned to the wall in two places).

Less stridently, he admits that he seldom goes to New York nowadays because most of the friends that he used to visit there are now dead. "It makes you think," he muses. "Try and enjoy every day. The dogs do."

● *The drawings from the current exhibition, some of which were shown in Bradford last year, come to the Royal Academy this autumn via the Venice Biennale and the Hamburger Kunsthalle. The "very large paintings" are for sale, subject to approval of buyers by David Hockney. The paintings of Stanley and Boodgie are not for sale*

A twist of Tharp and the two tenors

● RETURNING to Covent Garden next season, **Placido Domingo** will star in Giordano's rarely performed opera, *Fedora*. Fellow Spanish tenor **José Carreras** also features in the Royal Opera's 1995-96 plans, for Massenet's *Hérodiade*. The Verdi Festival continues with four new co-productions: *Don Carlos, Nabucco, Il corsaro* and *Giovanna d'Arco. The Ring* is completed in October with the new Richard Jones staging of *Götterdämmerung*. And a production of *Arabella* will feature fast-rising British singers **Amanda Roocroft** and **Bryn Terfel**.

The Royal Opera is introducing cheaper tickets for 20th-century works: a repertoire that includes the world premiere of Alexander Goehr's *Arianna*; Hindemith's *Mathis der Maler* (directed by **Peter Sellars**); and Tippett's *A Midsummer Marriage*. Almost 15,000 concessionary seats will be offered for these operas at under £10.

The Royal Ballet, meanwhile, has hired **Twyla Tharp**, one of the most expensive choreographers in the world. She will create a new two-act ballet for the company. Other highlights of the 1995-96 season include five works by Sir Frederick Ashton and four by Sir Kenneth MacMillan, including a new production of MacMillan's *Anastasia* supervised by his widow, Deborah.

● A NOVEL approach to touring from current chart-toppers **Take That**: it is the audience, not the band, that will do the travelling. The teen idols will play Manchester Arena on August 5, 6, 7 and 8 and Earls Court in London on August 21, 22, 23, 25 and 26. Official coaches, dubbed the "Take That Express", will leave from more than ten other British cities for each date. Tickets (0181-933 0011), priced between £42 and £48, will include return travel and packed lunch.

● ADD **Dame Maggie Smith** and **Sir John Gielgud** to the list of thespians being wooed to join **Sir Ian McKellen** in a new film of *Richard III*, which starts shooting in London this summer. They will appear alongside **Patrick Stewart**, **Robert Downey Jr** and **Annette Bening** in the film, which joins the forthcoming **Kenneth Branagh** *Othello* as proof that the Bard still has pulling power inside Hollywood.

● ALBERT EINSTEIN, Marilyn Monroe, Joe Di Maggio and Joe McCarthy appear together on the London stage this summer. Which means that **Terry Johnson**'s 1982 classic, *Insignificance* (later turned into a film by **Nicholas Roeg**), is back. With **Alun Armstrong** and **Frances Barber** in the cast, the play will be staged at the Donmar from June 1 to August 6.

Meanwhile, August 1 marks the West End return of one of British theatre's more enduring partnerships: actress **Julia McKenzie** and playwright **Alan Ayckbourn**. McKenzie, who has been devoting herself mostly to musicals of late, will head the cast of Ayckbourn's new *Communicating Doors*

● A RARE display of bipartisan fraternity can be observed at the Tate Gallery on May 10. **Stephen Dorrell**, the beleaguered Heritage Secretary, and **Tony Blair**, Leader of the Opposition, will jointly launch "Visual Arts UK": a celebration of the visual arts in the North of England throughout next year. A building programme of new galleries and museums is planned, along with exhibitions and commissions. The only thing puzzling visual-art devotees is why the launch is taking place in London.

● EXPECT a show of chauvinistic enthusiasm in New York this Thursday when the actress-siger **Patti LuPone** takes centre-stage at the City Centre for a concert engagement of Rodgers and Hart's classic musical, *Pal Joey*. The four performances will be LuPone's first appearances back in a New York theatre since the Tony-winning star of *Evita* was dropped by **Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber** from the Broadway production of *Sunset Boulevard*. A woman spurned, in this case, should make for an evening cheered.

THEATRE: Confusion and incoherence afflict the work of a little-known modern writer, and a long-dead one

Scots on the rocks

The Maiden Stone
Hampstead

THE late Peggy Ramsay was the agent of Joe Orton, David Rudkin and James Saunders, among others, and championed many dramatists whose excellence was not immediately evident to the world at large. So perhaps it is not wholly inappropriate that the first recipient of the annual award bearing her name should be this odd, inscrutable piece by the little-known Scots dramatist, Rona Monro. Somewhere behind the play's thick Celtic mists and the production's even thicker Highland accents is a bold imagination and a gift for dialogue that, who knows, might respond to some Ramsay-style nurturing and whipping-into-shape.

As it is, the play makes pretty hefty demands on most of the audience's faculties, from hearing to reason to wakefulness. We must believe that a genteel but raunchy English actress called Harriet (an awkward Frances Tomelty) has come to the impoverished rural northeast of early 19th-century Scotland with her feeble husband and half-starving children in search of a public.

Fed up with living in a pigsty, she proceeds to wander, pregnant, through the snowy hills to a deserted military fort, gives birth to a son in a tent, wanders back through still wintrier hills, sets up house with a shamanic crone (Carol Ann Crawford), instructs a mad girl in the art of acting and, her work apparently done, gets transformed into a statue plastered with Celtic crosses.

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Carol Ann Crawford as the crone who shares her humble hovel with the heroine of Rona Monro's *The Maiden Stone*

If the logic and meaning of her life-journey are uncertain, the happenings around her are almost more so. The Devil, or De'il, makes what may not be a guest appearance in the form of a sly vagrant somewhat unsubtly called Nick (Alexander Morton). He inveigles Harriet's husband (Paul Higgins) into kissing him on the lips, with the result that the poor man's bad cold really is the death of him. Nick is then attacked by illegitimate children dressed as animals and fathers another by the local madwoman. He also features in one or two of the brusquely bloodthirsty folktales that punctuate the action.

The play left my ears ringing with primal yells interspersed with sentences containing the words "och, he's braw"; but then my ears are selective witnesses, for a lot of the play went under, over or simply straight through them. Matthew Lloyd, directing on a set that largely consists of old sacks and depressing grey planks, does little to help, but that, too, may be inevitable. It would be easier to prune a monkey-puzzle tree than make this play coherent.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Woman of no import

The Wives' Excuse
Barbican Pit

FRIENDALL, Lovemore, Wittwoud, Wellvile — who are these people and how shall we tell them apart? They are dressed in Regency coats and high-waisted Empire gowns, *but this is just designer nonsense*. It may be pretty nonsense (courtesy of Julian McGowan's designs), but it is nonsense nonetheless, for these are characters in an obscure play by Thomas Southerne. *The Wives' Excuse* was a failure at its first production in 1691, and was unperformed for 300 years until Max Stafford-Clark revived it last year at the Swan in Stratford.

The date of composition is important, for such interest as it still retains, because the play is a link between the heartless lechery of the Restoration canon and the serious social comedy that emerged at the turn of the century.

Rakes and gallants continue to hunt maidenheads, and a majority of the women are still skirmishing to bring a man to bed, but Mrs Friendall is an exception. Married to a coxcomb buying his way into society with musical soirées and masquerades, she is repeatedly urged by friends to repay him in kind for his oafish infidelities. Even the older and prudish Mrs Teazall (Caroline Blakiston) is sufficiently moved to say, "Use him as he deserves. Use him as you please."

But it pleases Mrs Friendall to repel all hopeful boarders and speak up for marital virtue, although she knows this resolve will bring her nothing but solitude and sorrow. Olivia Williams speaks her lines with sufficient icy fire to enliven the argument. But though Southerne gives her plenty of defiant words, the character still seems underwritten.

Perhaps he sensed that his public was disinclined to consider why a woman in society might opt for chastity, but one interesting quality that does emerge is her efforts to remain, *against the temper of* the time, her own woman.

The plotting is pretty chaotic, and the opening scenes are bewildering. A programme note praises the intricate marshalling of 11 key figures at the soirée, interweaving threads of talk, but it comes before the audience knows who anyone is, and follows a scene set among footmen that is certainly innovative, but no less baffling.

What novelty there is in Southerne's play is eliminated by this transposition to the era of Jane Austen, when virtue had ceased to be unconventional. For it isn't as if the play offers much in the way of laughter, nor a sharp enough portrait of a sick society. Lesley Manville's excellent Wittwoud points the bitterness seething beneath her hard brilliance.

Clive Wood makes a fine and scornful villain until the part disappears under him; revealing details pop up at all times, and the Purcell songs are delightful.

But I never found myself disturbed, nor greatly interested, in the treacheries plotted in these vanished salons.

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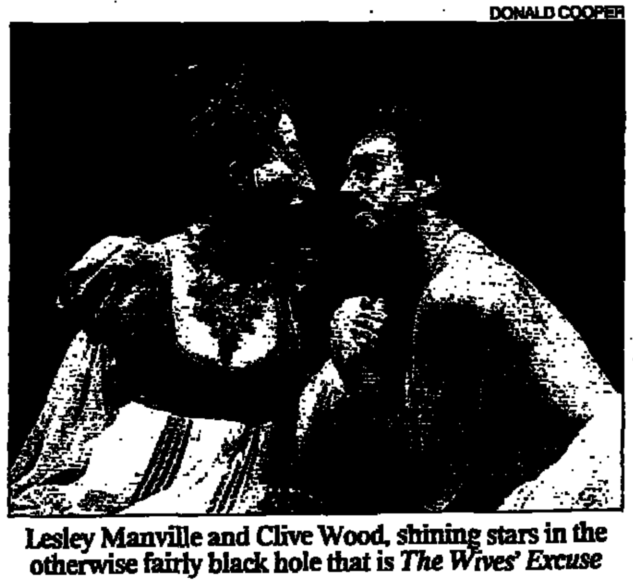

Lesley Manville and Clive Wood, shining stars in the otherwise fairly black hole that is *The Wives' Excuse*

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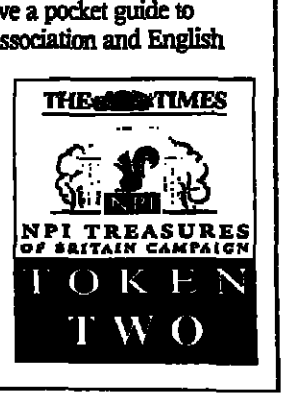
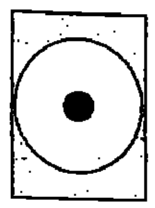


A key to the body's self-destruct mechanism ☐ A find in Zaire forces archaeologists to think again ☐ Trees could be polluting the atmosphere

Why our cells must perish



EVERY cell in the body is programmed to die. While as individuals we cling doggedly to life, our cells kill themselves with abandon — wasteful as this seems.

The process, known as apoptosis, is one of the hottest topics in biology, underlying things as widely different as embryology and cancer. Hardly a week passes without a new paper on apoptosis, though scientists are still uncertain how to pronounce it. Is the middle p silent, or sounded? (The consensus favours the latter.)

Dr Martin Raff, of University College London, an expert in the field, says that in some cases the purpose of apoptosis is clear. "Some parts of our body are sculpted by cell death," he writes in *MRC News*. "Our hands, for instance, start out as spade-like structures and the fingers emerge as the cells between them die".

Similar processes are believed to underlie the creation of the complex architecture of the brain. But in other circumstances, it is hard to explain why so many cells should die — hundreds of millions every hour. To maintain the balance of the body's organs, a similar number must be created — it is only in special circumstances, like the disappearance of the tadpole's tail, that cells die because they are no longer needed.

The evidence suggests that dying is the most natural thing for many cells to do, and that they stay alive only if constantly signalled to do so. "It's totally counter-intuitive," Dr Gerard Evan, of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, told a conference in Glasgow recently. "But cells in your body are cheap, so the body bins them if they have anything wrong with them. Cancer can arise only if something suppresses cell death. It's not just about them proliferating uncontrollably — it's about them *surviving* uncontrollably."

SCIENCE BRIEFING

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Nigel Hawkes

The key to this process appears to lie in the cancer gene known as p53, which functions by suppressing the death of cells. Viruses can also pull off the same trick, turning off apoptosis in the cells they infect. This helps them because the killer cells which would normally seek out the infected cells and trigger apoptosis can no longer do so.

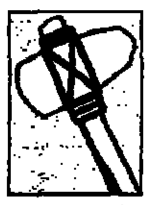
The first gene therapy experiments with p53 have just begun at the University of Texas. It is hoped that by giving the correct version of the gene to lung cancer patients, normal apoptosis will resume and the tumours will shrink. Experiments carried out on animals are encouraging.

For several years, apoptosis has been believed to be involved in Aids, and a recent study published in *Science* may show how. One of the mysteries of HIV infection is the gradual decline of the CD4 cells, the killer cells whose job it is to fight off infection.

A team from Harvard Medical School has focused on a protein secreted by cells infected with HIV and called Tat (for transactivation protein). They found that Tat, when mixed with a culture of CD4 cells, induces apoptosis. The same happened to blood cells from uninfected donors.

This is interesting because, in Aids, only very few cells at any time are infected with HIV. This suggests that the infected cells in some way send messages to uninfected cells, inducing apoptosis. Tat may be the messenger.

The first tools



AMERICAN archaeologists have found in Zaire what may be the oldest bone tools fashioned by man. The tools include harpoon tips and a flat dagger. A variety of dating techniques suggest they are at least 75,000 years, and possibly as many as 90,000 years, old.

This makes them about twice as old as the earliest tools from Europe, where sophisticated human behaviour is believed to have emerged about 40,000 years ago. So the history of human culture may need rewriting.

The discoveries were made by Dr John Yellen, of the US National Science Foundation, Dr Alison Brooks, of George Washington University, and colleagues, at Katanda, a site in the upper Semliki Valley in Zaire. In *Science* they report that five dating techniques all indicate the great antiquity of the tools.

The results puzzle other archaeologists, because no other ancient human sites in Africa show the same evidence of sophisticated behaviour at such an early period. The most likely explanation, perhaps, is that the dates are wrong. Dr Yellen says, however, that it is possible that the people who went to the Semliki Valley to fish and hunt were isolated from other groups of early humans, and more advanced.

The next step is to search for the same kind of tools from other sites of comparable date.

Leafy danger

WHEN Ronald Reagan remarked that trees could be a source of pollution, environmentalists could hardly stop laughing. But the former President could yet have the last laugh.

Two botanists from the University of Wisconsin-Madison have reported that the large amounts of a chemical called isoprene (3-methyl, 3-butadiene) produced by plants, including trees, could have a bearing on the creation of photochemical smog.

Globally, plants produce 300 million tons of isoprene a year, and the amounts increase dramatically as temperatures rise. Doctors Thomas Sharkey and Eric Singsaas suggest that, in fact, isoprene acts as a kind of heat-shock molecule, protecting leaves from damage when temperatures rise above 35C. When plants are short of water, they produce even more.

This means that the greatest amounts are likely to be produced on hot, still days — exactly the weather that produces photochemical smog in cities such as Los Angeles. Attempts to control the problem have concentrated on the reduction of unburnt hydrocarbons from cars — but this, the botanists point out in *Nature*, could be a waste of time.

If there are already large amounts of the hydrocarbon isoprene from plants in the air, reducing the amount emitted from cars may not help. It might be better to concentrate on another class of pollutant from vehicles that helps to create photochemical smog, the nitrogen oxides.

Did the dinosaurs die in an acid bath?

A huge crater in Mexico may explain one of science's most baffling mysteries, says **Anjana Ahuja**

In Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, buried beneath a layer of limestone one kilometre thick, lies a vast crater, a testament to a cataclysmic event 65 million years ago, when a gigantic asteroid slammed into the Earth. Scientists suspect that it is no coincidence that this event coincided with the extinction of the dinosaurs, as well as of marine reptiles, flying reptiles and ammonites.

Hundreds of explanations have been produced for the death of the dinosaurs, but a catastrophic impact is the current favourite. Speculation intensified when the crater area was found to be rich in sulphur. The asteroid impact, these sleuths suggested, might have thrown up a deadly haze of sulphuric acid capable of lingering in the atmosphere for 40 years — acidifying the oceans, blocking out sunlight and bringing the reign of the dinosaurs to a chilly end.

"The problem is that some people think the dinosaurs were dying out anyway and that the impact just wiped out the last few," says Dr Michael Warner, a seismologist at Imperial College's Royal School of Mines. "What we need to do is to assess the environmental effects of the impact. We need to find out if this event had a huge effect on the biosphere, and if it was capable of causing mass extinctions."

This is just what the 40-year-old Dr Warner and his colleague Dr Joanna Morgan, whom he met at Cambridge 11 years ago, aim to start doing this summer. They will travel to Mexico to investigate the Chicxulub (pronounced chix-uh-loo) crater.

Dr Morgan describes it, rather alarmingly, as "quantifying the kill mechanism". She points out that nobody really knows what chemicals were blasted into the stratosphere. For example, various calculations of how much sulphur dioxide was released by the impact differ by two orders of magnitude. "That's the difference between the dinosaurs staying alive and becoming extinct," she says.

The Chicxulub crater has been a controversial feature on the scientific landscape since 1991, when its possible importance was first grasped. Estimates of the size of the crater run from 170km to 300km across, which makes it the biggest on the planet. The crater might or might not be encircled by a sharp ridge of material, mirroring the structure of craters seen on Venus.

The coastline bisects the crater, with half the depression lying out in the Gulf of Mexico beneath the seabed. The coastal village of Chicxulub is situated near the crater centre.

The first thing the seismologists will do is to map a cross-section of the crater to find an accurate diameter. This will be done offshore rather than on land: "It's ten times cheaper and the data quality is better," says Dr Warner. "On land you need a Land Rover to shift the instruments every time you take a measurement. With a ship, everything is attached to the ship and trails behind. As far as accuracy is concerned, the sea tends to be more uniform than land."

The asteroid could have thrown up a deadly haze

A ship will navigate a straight line above the crater, towing behind it 40 high-pressure guns and an array of detectors. Every 30 metres the guns will be fired in a controlled explosion, sending sound waves in all directions. Some waves will travel downwards through the sea bed and bounce off the crater floor. These echoes will be picked up by the detectors and used to map the crater floor.

The more oblique sound waves tend not to bounce off boundaries but bend through material, with the amount of bending dependent on density and structure. Some waves will penetrate the crater floor and travel through the rocks beneath, and will re-emerge either at sea or on land. There will be a series of detectors arranged on the peninsula to catch the echoes that arrive on land.

These oblique waves will tell the team how much of the original rock is left beneath the crater floor and therefore how much was vaporised. By comparing this to the sulphur-rich rocks surrounding the crater, and by using an accurate diameter, the scientists should be able to calculate how much sulphur was released into the atmosphere. For example, a big diameter, plus plenty of sulphurous rock, could equal mass extinction.

There is another clue to the importance of this impact. According to Dr Warner, 99 per cent of the asteroid — which could have been up to 20km across — would have vaporised, enveloping the Earth in a layer of rock. A thin, 65-million-year-old layer of the rare metal iridium has been found sandwiched between rocks at various locations on Earth, suggesting that the impact affected the global environment. The remaining 1 per cent melted and mingled with existing rock, which is how scientists matched the iridium layer to the asteroid.

However, Dr Warner does not want to pre-empt the results or jump to conclusions. "It will be very difficult actually to prove a link, but we might be able to strengthen coincidences," he says.

Although the two British seismologists proposed the investigation, other scientists from Mexico, the United States and Canada are helping. Funding for the British contingent includes modest sums from several oil companies, and has been channelled through the Natural Environment Research Council. The total stands at about £450,000. The team is trying to solicit another £50,000 to allow research students to participate.

Like all the best tales in science, this project flowered from a tiny footnote in geological history.

"The Mexicans knew about the crater in the 1970s. They just didn't realise the importance of their discovery," says Dr Warner. "They published their findings straight away, but the problem was that the paper was in Spanish and nobody read it.

"Then, in 1980, they published a half-page abstract in English. But nobody read that abstract either. The finding was not received outside Mexico until 1991, and then there was an explosion of interest."

And so we come to 1995, and the final preparations for the first detailed investigation are in hand. Preliminary results will be out late next year. And as Dr Morgan and Dr Warner hurry off to interview a batch of potential PhD students, one can only guess at the geological treasures awaiting the lucky few.

MICHAEL POWELL

Joanna Morgan and Michael Warner: setting off to explore the world's largest crater — and the asteroid that caused it

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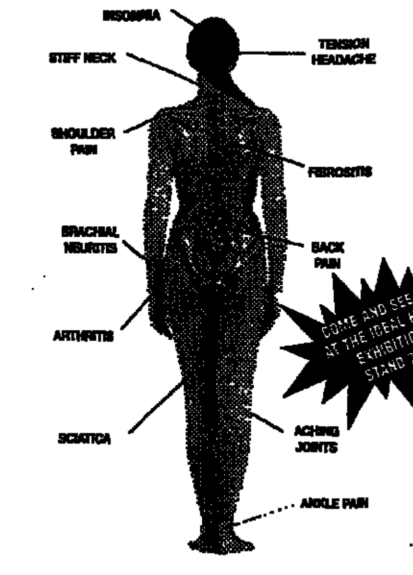

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How whales might misread a magnetic signpost

Nick Nuttall reports on the latest theory to explain the mystery of why giant mammals get stranded

Every few years visitors to the seaside are confronted with one of nature's saddest mysteries: a beached whale. The spectacle is as distressing as it is confounding. Why should a creature that can successfully navigate thousands of miles across the globe end up on a beach in Kent?

Theories abound. Some are outlandish, such as the suggestion that since they evolved from land-living creatures, the whales may be responding to a primordial urge to seek safety on land. Or that the animals are following ancient migration patterns which have been closed by the drift of continents or the interference of man. Or that whales enter shallow water to rest or rub their skin and end up beached.

Then there are the more scientific explanations. These include confusion in the animals' sonar systems, giving the whales false readings in shallow waters; parasites in the inner ear preventing proper reception of sonar echoes: brain infections leading to disorientation: and even interference from radar, television and radio transmissions.

Dr Margaret Klinowska, an authority on marine mammals in the department of veterinary science at Cambridge University, believes the clue to the mystery lies in the swirling magnetic fields generated by the geology of the Earth. Whales use these fields to guide them through the oceans rather as we use signposts on a motorway, she says.

Normally the magnetic fields run parallel to the coast, but in some places they run at right angles to the shore, misdirecting whales, which then get stranded.

"They are the equivalent of road accidents. This is why the young, the old, the sick, the healthy, singles or groups may be involved — accidents can happen to anybody," Dr Klinowska says.

She has analysed whaling records from Ireland and Scotland dating back to the 1700s, records compiled by the Natural History Museum in London of whale strandings as far back as 1913, and geomagnetic maps from the British Geological Survey.

She noticed that bays which in the past were good "driving bays" for whale hunters — where they would corner their prey — such as Weisdale Voe in Shetland, Linga Sound in Orkney and Brandon Bay in southern Ireland, are those where whales are likely to get stranded (more than 400 since 1913). They are also sites where the geomagnetic field lines run onshore.

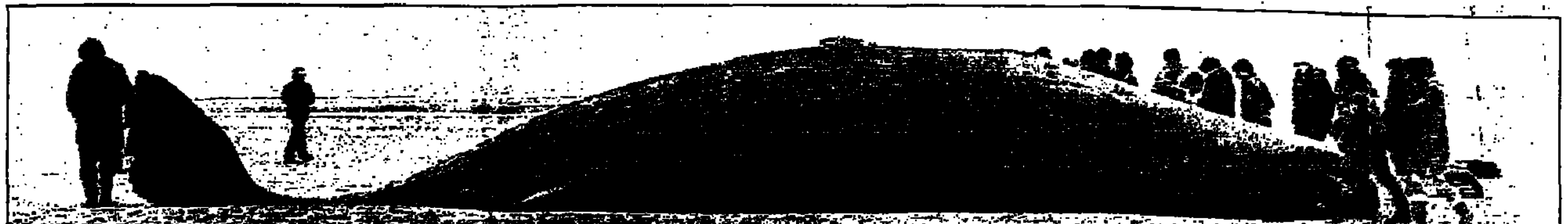
"It is at places where magnetic contour lines are perpendicular to the coast that *all* the live strandings occur in Britain," says Dr Klinowska. In contrast, bodies of dead whales seem to be washed up randomly around the coast.

Last December 11 killer whales ended up beached at Uyea Sound on the island of Unst in Shetland. The sound is not only one of the old whaling bays but has exactly the kind of geomagnetic patterns along which whales might unwittingly travel. These ones were eventually coaxed back to sea.

Dr Klinowska suspects that whales, dolphins and porpoises learn the geomagnetic map from their mothers during their early months of life. Species that live inshore, such as harbour porpoises, may be more familiar with the pitfalls of the inshore field than species, such as killer whales, which live further out at sea.

She also thinks that whales may have a biological travel clock which is reset in the morning by small fluctuations in the magnetic field. By knowing how fast and for how long they have travelled, they know where they are in the world each day. But impacts such as the solar wind on the atmosphere can affect the magnetic field and may mask the morning cue, creating confusion about where they are.

"Small fluctuations to the magnetic field happen every day and if these are obliterated, the whales get disorientated and swim too far in," Dr Klinowska says.



A stranded whale: analysis of whaling records, some of which date back to the 1700s, as well as geomagnetic maps, have produced some intriguing findings

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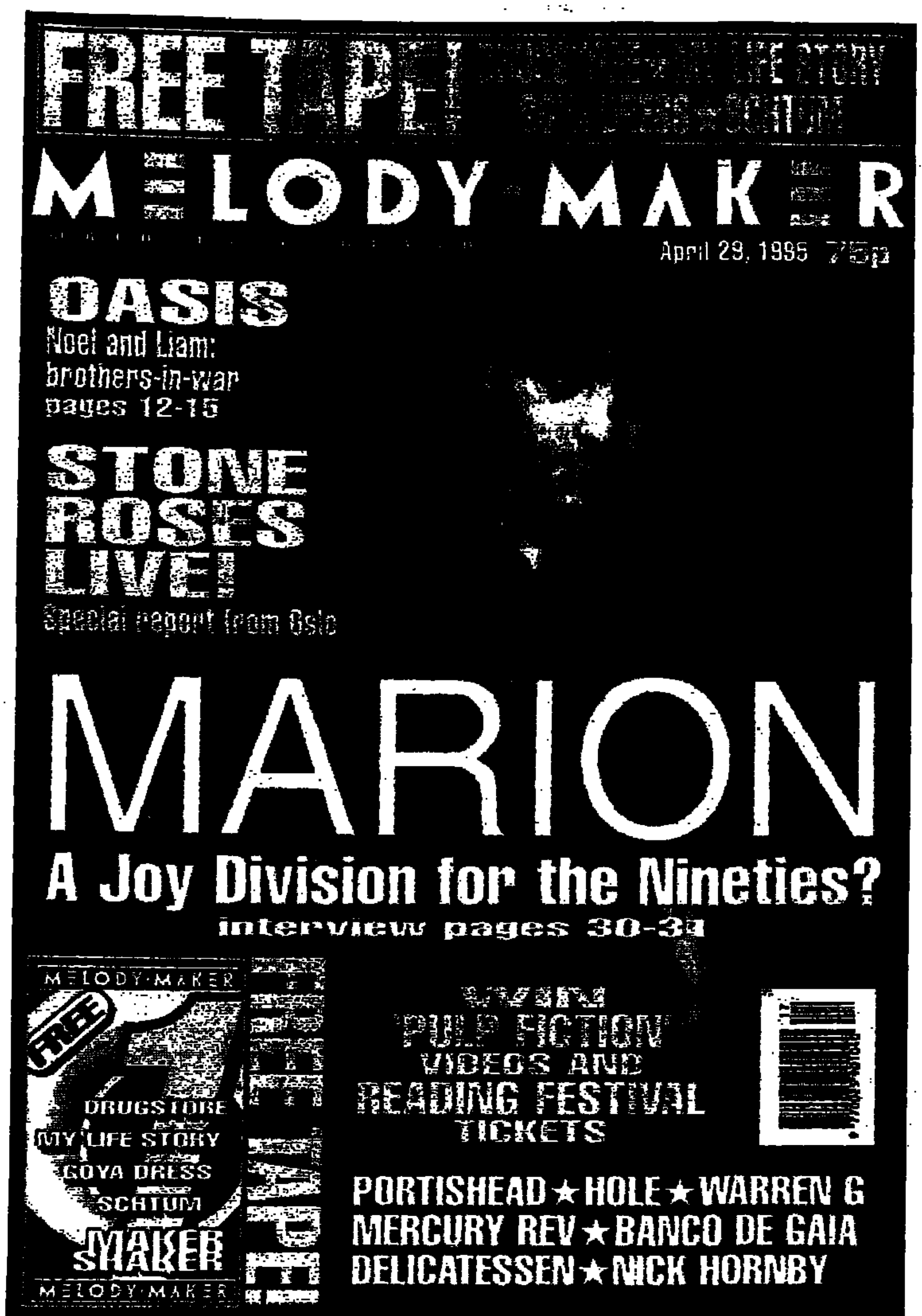
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"We do not require them to have great careers, just to be sexy that week"

On the front cover of *Melody Maker* this week you will not find Madonna, Jon Bon Jovi or The Artist Formerly Known As Prince — the sort of faces that are reproduced to boost sales of less hip pamphlets of popular culture — but a dopey-looking teenager with overlong sideburns and a cheap shirt, who appears to be called Marion.

He is not, in fact, called Marion at all. He is Jaime (pronounced Jamie), the 19-year-old lead-singer of a band called Marion who sound, according to *MM*, "like Suede with Peter Hook on bass and the Buzzcocks making a brilliant racket in the room next door". Jaime is, apparently, "kill-the-bastard beautiful", hence the comment of one teenage fan: "They make music for kissing the back of your boyfriend's neck to."

Despite this familiarly overwrought stuff, which is unlikely to set post-pubescent hearts and feet on fire, Marion are nonetheless a pop group. And pop music is worth billions of pounds — the most successful leisure industry of all. To be a part of it, however small, brings you closer to immense wealth and world fame than your average quotidian employment. Marion are at the beginning. The end is either obscenely lucrative Rolling Stones-style world tours, a spurious parochial credibility not matched by noughts on the end of the monthly statement, or, quite possibly, nothing at all.

Their first single made little impression outside their own bedrooms, their second goes on sale this week, and they are currently engaged on a tour of small venues in the North of England. And yet, there they are on the front of *Melody Maker* — where Suede, Oasis, and the Stone Roses have been before them. It is generally acknowledged that a cover story in the British music press constitutes the first big step on the escalator to stardom. But how much does it really help?

"We put Suede on the cover before they had even had a single out," says Paul Lester, *MM*'s features editor, "and when their record came out the following week it sold out immediately. We did the same for the The Stone Roses, The Happy Mondays, Blur, Oasis — some of the biggest names of the last five or six years all charted the week after we had them on the cover.

"More recently the same has happened with Sleeper, Portishead, Supergrass, Menswear and the Boo Radleys. This is the first move in that triple whammy of press, radio and television that is the key to success. If we put them on the cover it galvanizes radio interest and starts the ball rolling."

PR guru Phil Savidge, who is responsible for such recent successes as Elastica and Echobelly, as well as Suede, concurs. "Getting a cover is incredibly important. When Suede were on they were worried that they weren't ready — they hadn't even made a single yet — and that people up North would think 'who are these southern ponces?' But people came to see their gigs and bought the record, and they were away. Occasionally there are mistakes. I might try and get people to go and see a new band and then there are just a lot of folded arms and shaking heads at the back of the room. With Marion I went into *Melody Maker* with some tapes and they were impressed. Now they will make the top 40, and their first headline London show [at Astoria II on Friday] might well be a sell-out."

This is not about intergalactic megastardom. That is the realm of publications such as *Smash Hits*, which sells 400,000 copies per week (compared with *MM's* 60,000) and feature clean-cut soulless pretty boys, such as Take That, who sit atop the charts for week after boring week. *MM* is all about the bands who make claims for creative credibility; they are alternative or "indie" (independent) bands, they are Britpop. "Anyone you see on *Top of the Pops* who has long hair, a Fender Stratocaster, and looks like he is on drugs is probably one of ours," Lester says.

"This stuff does cross over into the real world, and I suppose that if Marion develop a universal appeal, it might be as a new U2. In the way that Blur are said to be the new Beatles because there are four of them, or that Oasis are the new Stones because they are scruffy and upset your parents. The moment they make that crossover, we lose interest in them. They become someone else's job.

"The days of a band like this going on for ever are over. The Smiths lasted from 1983-87, but no one will make a niche like New Order or hang in there like Dylan or Elvis Costello. That is not our concern at *MM*. We hope they chart, but it doesn't matter if they die a death. We do not require them to have great careers, we just require them to be sexy that week." He talks of Ned's Atomic Dustbin, the Butthole Surfers and Raymonde. And I understand.

And what of Marion? Do they feel like made men? "Of course we're chuffed," says manager Joe Moss, "there is nothing cooler than being on the front of *Melody Maker* — it's a stepping stone in the quest for popularity. But the band's first ambition is to make good records and be good on stage."

So these grungey young individuals are not interested in the potential fortunes that may lie waiting in the aftermath of the cover story? "Of course they are," says Lester. "All 19-year-old indie bands say they just want to play their guitars, and that they do it because they couldn't do anything else. Of course they could. They could work in a shop or in a pub.

"They are just lucky to be able to stand on stage like some sexily-attired dustman for a few months and call it a job. They all say 'if people like our music then it is a bonus'. Well, that is rubbish too. If people don't like them they will be back at Exeter Poly or wherever they came from. And it is our job, if they are any good, to see that people do like them."

And is there real money at the end of all this? "Well, Blur are reportedly about to have £4 million dropped in their laps, not to mention the million albums they have just sold, but I saw Alex [from Blur] at the Elastica party the other day and I still had to buy him a drink. So he is either extremely tight or he has not had any money after all."

Well, at least he got to play his guitar.

Julia Llewellyn Smith examines an urban phenomenon

High-flyers who pedal their way to power

When Norman Tebbit told us to get on our bikes, nobody was meant to take him literally. High-flyers don't use their thigh muscles: they sit in the back of chauffeur-driven limos, braying down the car phone, or cruise along in company saloons, quietly switching from *Yesterday in Parliament* to the Chris Tarrant show.

Nobody ever told this to Jenny Bacon. The new Director-General of the Health and Safety Executive, and one of only three women to hold the post of Permanent Secretary, Miss Bacon, 50, has been cycling to work since she arrived in London from New Hall, Cambridge. "I never got off my bike, so to speak, and in those days, cycling in London was quite pleasurable. I had my college number on the back of the mudguard and policemen would know you were a suitable sort of person."

Miss Bacon is one of a small but dedicated band of cyclists, who choose to push their pedals every morning, not for environmental or health reasons, but, quite simply, because it is the most efficient method they know of getting about London. Her new position comes with a company car; she refused it. "Cycling is quicker for any journey of up to ten miles, unless it's the dead of night and you're speeding like a maniac," says Miss Bacon, who whizzes the four or so miles from her home in Islington to Southwark Bridge in every kind of weather. "It's best of all when it's snowing. Then you really do leave everybody standing."

Many high-flyers get bitten by the cycling bug at Oxford or Cambridge. In Cambridge 27 per cent of journeys are made by bike, compared with a national average of 2.5 per cent. Many dons, such as Sir Keith Thomas, the President of Corpus Christi, Oxford, have never learnt to drive.

Others simply agree with Miss Bacon that sitting in traffic is a waste of time. Many cyclists are so busy once they get to work that they have no time to discuss their method of commuting.

Sir Richard Scott trundles back and forth from his eponymous inquiry on a bicycle that would look too old-fashioned even for Miss Marple. "He receives many, many calls about his cycling, but he will not talk about it," says his spokesman. "It's a convenient means of transport and exercise."

Another keen two-wheeler is Lord Woolf. His secretary says: "He does it because he can time exactly how long it takes to get anywhere."

Improved fitness may be a bonus, but few become bikers for this reason. "On the contrary," says another law lord, Lord Hoffmann, who was inspired to become a cyclist after working on a case in Amsterdam. "The chances of getting choked to death by gases or run over by a lorry far outweigh the health advantages. How else would I get around?"

Jon Snow, the Channel 4 newsreader, admits that he risks his life as he pedals around London from interview to interview. "Everybody's out to kill you. I have some sort of escape at least once a week. I was knocked off at the Labour Party conference and landed on my wallet, which left an imprint in my buttocks for weeks." Even if you survive, the bicycle may not. "I have twice had it removed from outside the House of Commons. The police are very wary of bombs and can cut their way through any lock, without warning."

Nonetheless, Snow is sticking to his saddle. "Cycling is phenomenally helpful for meeting deadlines. I can emerge from an interview with John Major at 6.35 and be back at the ITN studio at Gray's Inn Road perfectly comfortably by 7 o'clock. I can guarantee that it will only take me nine minutes."

There are limits, however, to these mad dashes. "I will go to the Bank of England, but I will not go as far as the Tower of London."

'It's best of all when it's snowing. Then you really do leave everybody standing'

Might the time gained getting there be lost in freshening up? And isn't it a bit awkward interviewing the Prime Minister while perspiration trickles down your neck? "It is a problem," Snow admits. "You have got to be in a suit and I have taken a jacket with me in a carrier bag. It's not too bad, the weather is better than you'd imagine, and I don't very often get wet."

Miss Bacon, a confirmed casual dresser, keeps a change of clothes at work, but she admits that many women might be put off cycling by the sartorial effort involved.

Gary Waller, MP, the secretary of the all-party cycling group, says he thinks that many MPs will not use a bicycle for the same reason. "One has to be very well organised to keep changing into the appropriate gear."

The former deputy governor of the Bank of England, Rupert Pennant-Rea, whose successor, Howard Davies, is also a notorious cyclist, used to forget to remove his bicycle clips, according to his former lover Mary Ellen Synon. She forgave him: "It was a tribute to my simple nature that I was not put off [by the clips]," she wrote in the *Evening Standard*.

Those for whom Lycra shorts hold no peril may be heartened to know that Colin Harris, an insurance broker who runs his business from Baildon, near Bradford, recently obtained tax relief on his mountain bike, which he uses to travel to meetings with clients. His local tax office agreed that it could count as capital equipment, with the usual annual 25 per cent depreciation allowance available.

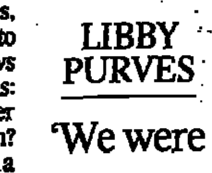
Mr Harris's advantage is that he is the boss. Employees provided with bikes by their firms may find they have acquired a taxable perk, if they use them for anything but business.

The number of people prepared to share the road with taxis, juggernauts and Belgian tourists ("Belgians are appalling as far as cyclists are concerned," Miss Bacon assures me) is likely to remain a go-getting few. "The number of cyclists in the House of Commons goes into double figures — I think," says Mr Waller, somewhat shamedly. "As soon as ministers get a chance to use a ministerial car they forget all about it."

Jenny Bacon on her way to work (above left), Jon Snow, the newscaster (top right) and Sir Richard Scott (above right)

Once you've found the house of your dreams, the mortgage details pale into insignificance — until too late

First-time buyers beware your nesting frenzy


LIBBY PURVES

'We were putty in the broker's hands'

ALL KINDS of old ghosts started clanking their moneyboxes and groaning like Jacob Marley when the Office of Fair Trading pointed its palsied finger at the endowment mortgage trade. Most of us can supply some chilling anecdote of our first buy: the people we dealt with, the lines of patter they gave us, the bum steer they sold us. Glib, they were, and beaming; modern snake-oil merchants whose skill lies in selling intricate investment packages to people whose minds are on curtain fabric. First-time buyers: nest-builders, saps.

Our particular ghost, much cringed over as we read about Sir Bryan Carsberg's attempt to go through the trade with bell, book and candle, was that of a "mortgage broker" back in the credit-squeezed years of the late Seventies. Mortgages were hard to come by: you crawled to building societies, saved with them, and got turned down. So you went to a chap who claimed to be able to get mortgages for virtually anyone. Even (in those days, this was the bigtime) heady stuff like 80 per cent mortgages.

We were desperate for a flat; we had seen one with honeysuckle up its balcony. So we sat humbly while he sold us an endowment mortgage: a pup so monstrous that it took us two years to work out its awfulness and cash it in. We also let him lay down which surveyor and solicitor we should use: it never dawned on us that this was, even in his merrily unregulated trade, not within his power. Eventually we paid off the whole coven, and felt quite grateful that they did not insist on selling us the paint and carpets, too.

Yet we were not babes in arms. We were nearly thirty, for heaven's sake, and one of us worked on consumer TV. Looking back, it is obvious what happened. We were in a heightened state, crazed by impending house-ownership. We only wanted to know two things: how much per month, and can we be in by Christmas? We blanked out everything else because we had already redesigned the kitchenette. We were putty in his hands.

And, whatever the Council of Mortgage Lenders has to say about it (which, broadly paraphrased, is "Bah, humbug!"), it is probably time to go along with Sir Bryan and protect such human putty. Because, with a few cold-blooded exceptions, every first-time buyer (especially when they come in couples, cooing) is blind to reason and knows only two questions: how much per month, and when? The hunger for a first home is too primevally urgent for reason. Which is why the media have no trouble finding any number of depressed, deceived, negative-equitied, ripped-off owners of duff financial packages. Buyers just cannot beware, not in the grip of nesting frenzy, or Pre-Contract Stress Syndrome. How much? How quick? Thank you, Mr Marley, for all your help!

I suppose the root of the problem is that deep down we still think in terms of rent. In a rent deal, the two questions are adequate: it is only in the context of lifetime debt that they are not. It is natural that we should think in terms of rent: until a very few years ago it was the norm. In 1914, 90 per cent of Britons lived in private rented accommodation; by the mid-Fifties two-thirds still did; at the beginning of the 1980s, two-fifths. But the council house sales and the fear of "the ladder" made us buy and buy and buy, and destroy the reasonable idea that you can pay your rent and call no man creditor. In prosperous Germany and Switzerland, it is still entirely the norm for the middle classes to rent all their lives, and do their saving elsewhere. Parisian couples think nothing of it. Nor has our mortgage culture and discouragement of private landlords done us a lot of good. You could even claim that we have been so hag-ridden and preoccupied with granny-flats and stone cladding that we have failed to look after the wider interests of the community: we have invested in cottages instead of industries and jobs. We have saddled ourselves with silly debt, and some have died of it.

SOME WILL trumpet that owner-occupation brings stability, a stake in the country, the fabled contentment of Mrs Thatcher's "property-owning democracy". Yet who epitomises that better than Mr Pooter, in *The Diary of a Nobody*, 1892? "I am always in of an evening… there is always something to be done: a tin-tack here, a venetian blind to put straight, a fan to nail up or part of a carpet to nail down, while Carrie is not above putting a button on a shirt, or mending a pillow-case, or practising the Sylvia Gavotte on our new cottage piano…"…

But Pooter — rooted, Tory, and reassuringly boring — only rented The Laurels. It is not until the last lines of the book that Mr Perkupp presents him with the freehold, as a bonus. Blast the man: Perkupp, clearly, is where the rot set in. Blame Perkupp for all us young fools, gazing into the ferrety eyes of mortgage merchants and signing our lives away.

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Matthew Parris

■ Yes, selling bogus titles is a grave matter, even if no one is hurt, but don't you see the irony, m'lud?

Do you ever wrestle with the desire to laugh when you know you shouldn't? In Court 11 at Southwark Crown Court last Thursday morning, a whole roomful of us were wrestling.

You may have seen the case reported. Two young tricksters, Mr Lewis and Mr Kollakis, were pleading guilty to selling bogus "lordships of the manor" to Americans. Unaware that the case would become a media event, I turned up because a friend was representing one of the accused.

The case was widely reported, and I will not repeat press accounts. Suffice it to say that the two rogues had constructed a most elaborate web, using extensive research, forged "certificates" with red wax seals, the forged signature of Lord Denning, Swiss bank accounts, a bogus "Institution of Heraldry" (they created it themselves) and a fictional company of solicitors.

They flew back and forth in Concorde to America, advertising in *The Wall Street Journal* and tricking unknown numbers of would-be lords of the manor. They sold fatuous titles like "The Lord of Bodardle" and "Lord Bradley in the Moors", undertakings of "priority on HM The Queen's Social List", and the right to ride "in the 18th carriage at the Queen Mother's birthday celebrations".

Mr Lewis statutorily adopted a new name, "Lord Lewis of Godington". They had set up companies with names like "Willard, Penderly & Co, *Purveyors to the Aristocracy*" and the Latin motto *via semper est*. One poor American, Mr Schnepper, had bought (or thought he had) the lordship of Bodardle. One wonders how many other Americans, too embarrassed to come forward, have been similarly tricked.

It is pointless trying to be funny about the case. A simple transcript of the prosecuting counsel's speech achieves a hilarity no humorous columnist could match. It was presented with skill, the Crown Prosecutor treading carefully the fine line between pomposity and flippancy, and keeping a faint smile just tugging at the corner of Judge Levy's dignified countenance. Everyone else, including the accused, were frankly in stitches.

So for humour, just read the evidence. A more serious thought nagged at this observer. Here was a modern Molière! In laughing at what these two impostors had done to some American Bourgeois Gentlemen, was Southwark Crown Court not laughing at itself? A ceremonial sword lay upon the clerk's table. Until it was brandished as one of the ludicrous props with which the accused had impressed clients, I thought it was part of British courtroom procedure, like the Commons mace.

The court giggled as we were told that Mr Schnepper had been assured that with the lordship of Bodardle went the right to wear heraldic robes and Mrs Schnepper's right to be called "The Lady Bodardle". Relaying this, the prosecuting counsel, bewigged and robed, addressed the robed and bewigged Judge Levy, QC, as "Your Honour". Behind, on the courtroom wall, stood the royal lion and unicorn. Can anyone miss the irony?

Much was made of the fact that the lordships of the manor which the accused sold were not genuine. But what is the difference between a genuine lordship of *the manor* and a *pretend* one? Are all titles not pretend? What is a "genuine" title but a set of ludicrous conventions pretending to set one man above another?

What harm would have been done if the Americans who were tricked had continued to think their titles "real"? Doesn't thinking a title real make it real? To paraphrase *Peter Pan*, every time a child says "I don't believe in aristocracy", a peer dies. It seems a little mean of us to spoil Mr and Mrs Schnepper's fun by taking away from them a harmless belief which did not deprive another living soul of a thing. Were you or I the poorer because somebody in America believed he was the Lord of Bodardle? The Schneppers had been happier, the accused richer, and nobody over here deprived of a thing. Only by blowing the whistle, as we were now doing, was anyone hurt.

> I thought the sword was part of courtroom ceremony, like the Commons mace

By making up titles and selling them, the accused had only carried to the point of absurdity the crackpot logic of social pedigree. In this, Lloyd George left modern fraudsters standing. Why, the OBE was invented to swell Liberal Party coffers. It was very jolly to learn that Lewis had met Kollakis when they were undergraduates at ... yes! Buckingham — Britain's first private university. These were the ultimate Thatcherites. If I had my way they would both be made hereditary peers in the next honours list. And here's an opportunity for an enterprising British Government: why not create lordships of the manor — legitimately — to sell to Americans?

As the court adjourned, all rose and bowed to the judge. Kollakis drove a white BMW with his initials on the number plate, the court had been told. His defence counsel left Southwark in his own white BMW, with the first three letters of his own surname on the number plate.

Not only has the nation preserved a treasure in the Churchill papers — it has got a bargain too

Just as Winston would have wished

William Rees-Mogg

After I left *The Times* in 1981 I spent ten years of my life as an antiquarian bookseller, among other jobs. It is a delightful occupation; book collectors tend to be likeable people, book dealers are very friendly competitors, the books are always interesting, and one occasionally has the excitement of finding a bargain. I discovered the only glass known to have been engraved by William Blake and a joking letter written by John Locke while still at Westminster School. In my time, Pickering & Chatto, one of the old London firms, sold a First Folio of Shakespeare, a first edition of Thomas More's *Utopia* and a first edition of Newton's *Principia*, so I had the thrill of the temporary ownership of great books. The only trouble with being an antiquarian bookseller is that you cannot sell the same book twice, which makes it rather more difficult to turn a regular profit.

I have looked at the sale of the Churchill archive from the rather specialist point of view of the rare book trade. The first question is whether the valuation was right. Had the Churchill Trust been paid too high a price, or had the State, in return for the lottery money, got a bargain? There were, in fact, two valuations, one of £40 million done for the Churchill trustees by Sotheby's and another of £32.5 million done by Bernard Quaritch for the Heritage Fund, whose chairman is Lord Rothschild. Quaritch, along with Maggs in Berkeley Square, is the leading rare bookseller. Sotheby's, along with Christie's, is the leading book auctioneer.

It is hard to put a value on so vast an archive, *stretching over 60 or* more historic years and including something like a million and a half pages of material. The leading professional valuers reached similar conclusions. I imagine that the Sotheby's valuation would have been fairly close to the reserve price at auction; such an archive, sold to best advantage over a period of time, could obviously have gone much higher than that. If a sale had happened, it would have been the manuscript sale of the century.

Quaritch was fully conscious of the historic nature of the task that it was set. A team from its staff was involved in the valuation over a period of time. Martin Gilbert, Winston Churchill's official biographer, has described the archive, which he knows far better than anyone else, as "the richest single archive in 20th-century British history". Judged either by quantity or quality, there is nothing like it.

How did the price come down from the £32.5 million of the Quaritch valuation to the £11.5 million paid out of National Lottery funds by the Heritage Fund? First of all the valuation was reduced by £10 million to take account of the papers which might be regarded as official rather than private. This is an area in which the law is very doubtful. Do the manuscript notes for a House of Commons speech belong to the Prime *Minister or to the State? Historically, most Prime Ministers have kept them* as their own property, but such notes can be regarded as part of the official function. What then about a party conference speech, which is a party matter, with which civil servants are not allowed to assist? Whatever the legal position, £10 million was knocked off, leaving £22.5 million. There was a further discount of £10 million to allow for tax. So the total sum, based on a valuation done for the State and not for the family, came down to £12.5 million. John Paul Getty II, who himself has a library worthy of the Medici, gave £1 million, and the Lottery Fund provided the remaining £11.5 million.

The British State cannot be thought to have done badly out of this transaction. Winston Churchill devoted his life to public service, not to making money — without him, in 1940, we would probably have made an ignominious peace with Hitler. He was never a rich man, though he was an extravagant one; he always had to earn his living by the pen. *He left this archive, quite deliberately, as a patrimony for his male* heirs — perhaps an old-fashioned preference, but very understandable in the grandson of a Victorian duke. He himself refused a dukedom because he thought his son, Randolph, would never have the money to support it.

The family trust has now decided to claim its inheritance. Sold on the open market, the Churchill archive would very possibly have fetched something over £50 million; if one thought that each piece of paper in the archive would fetch £100 — by no *means a ridiculous* estimate — the whole might have sold for £150 million. In the event, the family trust took £12.5 million, and the lottery money actually contributed only £11.5 million. Not a bad deal, even for a Rothschild.

There is no doubt that the private papers belonged to the trust; I think that most of the "official" papers probably belonged to the trust as well. The family had the right to sell the archive, just as families which inherit a brave man's Victoria Cross have the right to sell *his medals*. Of course, Lord Rothschild had to satisfy himself that the Heritage Fund was not paying too much, but the facts show that the fund was *in fact* getting a bargain. There has been a great fuss. For some reason it is not thought quite proper for the State to buy the archive, or for *the present Winston Churchill to* benefit from the sale. Yet it is clear that this is the family property, intended by Sir Winston to provide the patrimony he would not otherwise have been able to leave. When the surviving three Beatles die, their heirs may well go to Sotheby's and auction their manuscripts. Perhaps the Heritage Fund of the day will feel *that* these manuscripts are important enough to be bought for a national collection. Would there be something wrong with that?

The alternative was intolerable. This archive represents the long life of the greatest British statesman of the 20th century. He was the last man of our nation to play such a central role in world history, and it cannot ever happen again in a similar way. His correspondence illuminates events from the Boer War to the Suez War, including the two world wars, in the second of which his was a decisive role. He had leading friends in many parts of the world, particularly the United States. This archive touches the history of many nations other than our own. To allow it to be dispersed would have been a national failure of nerve.

I suppose one could turn the criticism against *young* Winston Churchill (no longer so young) or against the trustees, but I do not feel inclined to do so. In an earlier age, things would have been done differently. Sir Winston's ancestor, the great Duke of Marlborough, was given Blenheim for saving the nation. *I myself* no more grudge the Churchill family the £12.5 million they have received for their archives than I grudge the lottery winners similar sums, or the grandchildren of Harold Macmillan the £200 *million* they are said to be receiving for their family publishing business. I am proud to be able to remember hearing Sir Winston Churchill *address the House of Commons, am gratified that his heirs* should have sold their property to their own satisfaction and am delighted that the nation has gained such a glorious bargain.

New Labour, new enemy

The Tories must come to terms with Blair's changes, says

Peter Riddell

The Tories do not know what to make of Tony Blair. As a general rule, most politicians neither know nor understand their opponents. They view them through partisan blinkers. But in Mr Blair's case, it is worse. The Tories keep missing the target. Mr Blair is no miracle worker, and Labour remains vulnerable in several areas. But unless the Tories grasp what he is trying to do, they will not even begin to pull back the political initiative.

Their attacks over the weekend were a mixture of bluster and muddle. To dismiss Saturday's debate on Clause Four as "a charade" or "a pantomime", as Jeremy Hanley did, is merely inane, on a par with the patronisingly stupid comments of some MPs about "Bambi" or "the boy Blair". Michael Heseltine's increasingly self-righteous bombast was little more convincing and sounded as out-of-date as several union leaders themselves did on Saturday. He couldn't decide whether Mr Blair had abandoned all of his previous beliefs or whether nothing had really changed.

The Conservatives have been confused over Clause Four. After saying for years that the retention of the 1918 version undermined Labour claims about a mixed economy, the line changed abruptly last October when Mr Blair unveiled his plan. Ministers then said that dropping the old clause was merely a public relations stunt. What Saturday's vote means in policy terms is still unclear, but the Tories are making a big error if they underestimate the change in Labour's power structure.

Mr Blair has an almost brutal determination to shake up his party. He believes that Labour's election losses show it has not changed enough, that in effect a new party has to be created. This is already happening, with an increase in membership of a third over the past year.

There are fascinating parallels with Hugh Gaitskell's speech in November 1959, launching his doomed attempt to rewrite Clause Four. Both leaders accepted the mistake of regarding public ownership as an end in itself. They shared the same values. But Gaitskell was more rooted in Labour traditions, both in his complacency about the unions, upon whom he depended for support against constituency activists, and in his emphasis on equality and economic planning. Mr Blair has gone further in abandoning the politics of class.

The Clause Four campaign has symbolised this drive, not just in the new, and inevitably vague, wording, but in the process of winning support for change. Initially, John Prescott and Robin Cook were dubious, fearing that the attempt would divide the party. But through extensive consultation, Mr Blair has mobilised party members, including a revived youth section. For the first time in history, a Labour leader has won a big vote thanks to individual members in the constituencies (by a 9-1 margin) in defiance of the two largest unions.

So the Tories' talk of Mr Blair doing deals with the unions is ludicrously misplaced, as was clear to those of us present on Saturday. The union leaders were *shown* to be paper tigers. Not *only* was Arthur Scargill given a slow handclap, but there was the unprecedented sight of Bill Morris, the leader of the once unquestioned transport workers, being criticised for not holding a ballot by a constituency delegate from Islington North, once the heartland of traditional socialism. The union case against change was fatally weakened by the absence of such ballots. The balance of power has shifted, and will shift further against the union block votes.

The real question now is not whether Mr Blair is genuine, but how far Labour policy will alter. Before the Clause Four vote, most leaders' speeches were thin on content. The party does not need a long shopping-list of detailed pledges. After all, Kenneth Clarke is sensibly cautious about tax cuts this November, let alone two years after the election.

What matters more is the general direction of Labour policy. A torrent of statements is promised, starting today with a speech from Gordon Brown proclaiming Labour as the party of competition and the consumer. Further speeches, including the Mais Lecture on economic policy by Mr Blair in three weeks, will lead up to an economic statement in July. Gaps will also be filled on schools, regional government and pensions.

Many questions still have to be answered, notably how far the structure of the health service and of schools would be changed, how the public utilities would be regulated (far more important than their ownership), and about the broad structure of taxes and spending.

Douglas Hurd was on firmer ground for the Tories on Friday in asking whether Labour's sums will add up. There is still also a debate about Mr Blair's pro-European stance — and whether he will propose a referendum. Several Shadow Cabinet members remain hostile to a single currency. The implications for the rest of Britain of the proposals for an elected Scottish parliament have still to be addressed.

Tricky issues also remain about relations with the unions. On Saturday, for example, there were differences of emphasis and enthusiasm between Mr Blair and Mr Prescott over a statutory minimum wage, while the deputy leader worried some of the leaders' allies with his unqualified pledge to end compulsory competitive tenders. And the Shadow Cabinet itself is also patchy; the inadequacies of some members will be shown up under closer scrutiny.

So there is therefore no shortage of ammunition for the Tories. But if they attempt to refight the battles of 1992, let alone those of earlier elections, they will certainly lose. On Saturday, Mr Blair escaped the straitjackets of both Clause Four and the union bosses. He now has flexibility to set his party's agenda. The Conservatives will now have to abandon their trenches and fight a war of manoeuvre. They have not yet shown they appreciate that the battlefield has changed.

On the ball

CLOSE ASSOCIATION with the Manchester United football star Eric Cantona can be a painful business. The brave publishing house in Manchester that reprinted the emotional Frenchman's deepest thoughts, *La Philosophie de Cantona*, containing such profound considerations as "football is the most beautiful of the arts", found that it too had been drop-kicked, metaphorically speaking. Ringpull Press had to call in receivers earlier this month after running into financial difficulties when the book's first print-run had to be recalled because Hodder Headline accused it of replicating material found in its own title, *Cantona: My Story*.

But despite declaring itself bankrupt, Ringpull has been reprieved. Fourth Estate, the London-based publisher, has invited Ringpull's founder, Steve Powell, to join as an editor and set up an office in Manchester. A spokeswoman at Fourth Estate says: "In spite of recent events we really want to keep the Ringpull name alive, and we have taken on six of their titles."

There are wrinkles to be yet ironed out. Ringpull's letterhead says "no fixed abode". But Powell, who is still a Cantona fan, applauds the striker's decision last week to stay with Manchester United. "The worst thing that could have happened in my opinion would have been for him to have left the club," he says ardently.

● *There is some good news for Andrew Parker Bowles on the marital front: his nephew Charles Paravicini, 26, is to tie the knot. The son of Parker Bowles's sister, Mary Ann, and great-grandson of Somerset Maugham, Charles, who is an art broker, is to wed 25-year-old Lucia Laurie, a Montessori teacher, in December. Just which members of the clan will be invited has yet to be finalised.*

"Can I have a refund? Mr Nice has gone all Mr Nasty"

Fancy dress

JOAN SUTHERLAND fans packed Sotheby's for a sale of her costumes earlier this year, and Karen Taylor bought two. "I was thrilled because they were designed by Franco Zeffirelli for *La Traviata*," says the diva's admirer.

But when Taylor accosted Zeffirelli after a lecture at the Royal Geographical Society and asked him to sign her catalogue, he examined the illustrations and said that he had not designed the costumes. "He was categorical, and I missed the chance to buy anything else. I am very unhappy. Sotheby's say they catalogued the costumes using Joan Sutherland's information, but it was thirty years ago that she wore these costumes."

A Sotheby's press officer said: "The matter is being looked into, but under the terms of our guarantee if we have miscatalogued, the purchaser is entitled to her money back." Taylor has decided to conduct her own research, however. "I am paying the archivist at the Royal Opera House to check the history of the costumes," she says sternly.

Greek to me

FURTHER TO my note about Christopher Lee's forays into opera at the forthcoming Covent Garden Festival, I learn that the great screen Dracula has been moonlighting as a schoolmaster. In his latest film, *A Feast of Midnight*, which opens later this month, Lee plays a classics teacher, a part for which he is eminently suited.

"I was a classics scholar at Wellington, so I knew what I was doing," he says. "The boys in the cast were normal schoolboys, including a couple from my prep school, Summer Fields, and I was able to help them with their Greek homework when we weren't filming."

Deadly masks

WITH VE-DAY approaching, military experts are warning that one of the great lifesavers of 50 years ago could now be a killer. Many of the standard-issue gas-masks being dug out from dusty attics contain that modern scourge — asbestos.

The Imperial War Museum has been advising that re-enactments of air-raid drills or other clowning with the masks should be discouraged. "The ones we have here for children to try on have had the asbestos sealed off with resin to make them safe."

The news came as a shock to Lord Bramall, the former Chief of the Defence Staff and veteran of the D-Day landings. "I am very surprised," he exclaims. "If everyone who ever wore a gas mask is going to sue the Government..."

● *So timid has the BBC become in the wake of the furore surrounding* Panorama's *interview with John Major that its coverage of Labour's Clause Four conference on Saturday seemed determined to be a Blair-free zone. Only a couple of sentences of the Labour leader's opening speech were shown. When he came back to the rostrum for an impromptu speech after the vote, the producers cut him off in mid-oration.*

Get your goat: a small new fashion accessory

No butts

FORGET the Vietnamese pot-bellied pig or the shih tzu. The fashionable animal to possess now is the pygmy goat. According to the Pygmy Goat Club, sales have doubled in the past two years. "I have sold all my kids even before they are born," says a representative proudly. "Even Earl Spencer has made some inquiries recently."

A sturdy 4ft fence is required to thwart their energetic jumping ability, but otherwise the goats are quite happy to live in town as long as they have a small back garden for exercise. Milking is optional but pygmy goats can provide up to a pint a day.

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PREGNANT CLAUSE

Out of Blair's victory must come much harder reforms

To seasoned observers of Labour Party conferences, the most striking change on Saturday was not so much the jettisoning of the old Clause Four from the party's constitution, as the way in which left-wing speakers voting against reform were treated. Arthur Scargill, once a conference favourite, was greeted with the slow clapping of hands: the welcome for Bill Morris of the transport workers and Rodney Bickerstaffe of Unison, holders of great fraternal offices within the Labour Party, was no more than cool. The centre of gravity of the Labour Party seems to have shifted: Tony Blair has now to try to exploit that movement to produce sensible, centrist policies that can convince the broader electorate.

Old-fashioned trade union leaders signed their own death warrants on Saturday. Mr Blair could not have wished for a better outcome than that he should win despite the votes of leaders who were failing to represent the views of their own members. One member of Mr Bickerstaffe's union even came to the rostrum to protest at her union's lack of democracy. These barons have been discredited in the eyes of the public for some 15 years: now even Labour Party members and ordinary trade unionists share that distaste. And, unlike in the earlier battle over one-member-one-vote, the unions that supported modernisation this time seem to have won no backroom deals in return for their votes.

With the unions weak and the constituency members strong, the time could not be riper for Mr Blair to press ahead with further reducing the role of the unions. This is a task that he would be wise to accomplish sooner rather than later. A Labour Party ravenous for power is much more malleable than a Labour Party in government.

The time between now and the next general election affords Mr Blair his best opportunity to rebalance power in the party away from the unions and towards party members. Until the past few years, such a rebalancing would have been dangerous. It was the constituency parties that were full of extreme left-wing activists and the unions that were broadly supportive of the leadership. Now extremists — often the same people — have moved from the constituencies to the unions. The lesson of Saturday was that the most enthusiastic modernisers are ordinary Labour Party members; the most resistant are the union barons in thrall to their militants.

So the rewriting of Clause Four should be just a start. If Mr Blair means business, he will now have to embark upon reducing the unions' block vote at conference, cutting their strength on the National Executive Committee, and involving ordinary party members more in the formation of policy. For if, as its detractors claimed, the rewriting of Clause Four has been a distraction, it has been not so much from the business of opposition as from the task of supplementing negative criticism with positive policies. Labour can no longer hide behind the need to sort out its constitution before it determines the practical implications of the new form of words.

Many in the middle classes now approve of Mr Blair and see the new Clause Four as a symbol of Labour's desire to change. But symbols do not translate into votes unless they are backed by clear evidence of a transformation. If Mr Blair wants voters to trust his party, Labour will from now on have to speak unequivocally for consumers rather than producers: that is, for parents and children not teachers, for patients not nurses or hospital porters, for residents not local government workers. Mr Blair will have to do more than promise a general shift in emphasis. He will have to prove his commitment by specific policy promises. Adapting the psychology of the party so that it accepts this change of emphasis will be much harder than the rewriting of Clause Four.

STILL DIVIDED IN VIETNAM

The fruits of peace will require a fresh liberation

Not all wars end in reconciliation. The contrast between the elaborate VE-Day ceremonies planned for next week and the parades in Ho Chi Minh City yesterday point not only to the greater healing effects of more time, but also to the importance of ideology in reuniting or dividing former enemies. In Germany the political system that unleashed the war in Europe collapsed with the country's defeat; in Vietnam victory strengthened the communists in their gloating. Neither the subsequent collapse of communism elsewhere nor the bankruptcy of the system enforced on a reunited Vietnam have softened the rulers' political convictions, and yesterday's parades were triumphalist and divisive.

Little attempt was made to reach out to former enemies at home, either the thousands of South Vietnamese soldiers who fought the Vietcong or the shattered former merchant class. All the totems of militant communism were on display: the red flags, slogans, revolutionary songs, praise for the party faithful and scornful denunciation of American aggression. Despite a minute of silence for the three million Vietnamese killed in the conflict and words of sympathy for the families of some 58,000 dead American servicemen, President Le Duc Anh did not attempt to play down the boisterous victory celebration. Ho Chi Minh was again the hero to whom the day paid homage.

Perhaps a triumphalist note was thought necessary to conceal the changes that have already occurred in Vietnam since 1975 and the many more that will have to be made if the country is eventually to prosper. The abandonment of a command economy, the promotion of foreign investment and the end of economic autarky have all been forced on Vietnam by the failure of classic communism. It took years of deprivation and a huge exodus by desperate boat people before the rulers ditched their failing recipes for recovery. In recent years, Vietnam has seen a remarkable growth rate, the beginnings of prosperity among the few, an opening to regional trade and the virtual abandonment of central economic control. Vietnam still lags far behind the Asian tigers, but Hanoi is committed to joining the Association of South East Asian Nations and to the country's integration into regional political and economic organisations.

Much remains to be done. The key to change, both economic and psychological, is reconciliation with the United States. Since President Clinton lifted the economic embargo on Vietnam last year, America has become the country's third largest investor, according to figures from the first quarter of this year. American oil companies are negotiating for drilling rights and American business is poised to return to a country where familiarity, personal ties and guilt combine to fuel an interest in its renaissance.

Yet without political change in Hanoi, Vietnam's perestroika will falter. The emotive issue of Americans missing in action is still a brake on closer American involvement; the openness needed to clear up lingering doubts is still not forthcoming. The communist leadership is unwilling to make the concessions on personal and political liberty without which there can be no real blossoming of the country's potential. The past still has the country in thrall, as yesterday's parades made clear. If Vietnam is to enjoy the fruits of peace there must be liberation of a different kind.

AND THEY'RE OFF

Who will win the greatest horse race of the century?

Our Racing Correspondent has today chosen his all-time classic racehorses to run in an imaginary 2,000 Guineas. Each is a famous horse with "broad breast, full eye, small head, and nostril strong". It is the finest field of milers ever brought together, as anyone who turns to page 29 will see.

Who will triumph in this most imperious of races ever put before the *Timeform* computer? Brigadier Gerard or the phosphorescent Nijinsky? Tudor Minstrel or the sumptuous Zafonic? El Gran Señor or Nonoalco the outsider? Dancing Brave, Sir Ivor or Bolkonski? And what of Celtic Swing, our very own Pegasus who "trots the air"? Would our expectations of this burnished beast, today's jewel of our turf and stables, be dashed underhoof by a horse from an earlier age?

Since human nature is both curious and competitive, such comparisons between past masters and the very best of our own age come naturally to those of us who haggle and moot over a bottle of wine at home or a few pints of beer in the pub. Would Jesse Owens outpace Linford Christie in a whimsy-sprint of the senses? Would Mike Tyson scorch Muhammad Ali in a bout conceived by glove-struck dreamers? Would Rod Laver vanquish Bjorn Borg in the mind's serve-and-volley? Of course he would, say some: really, you must be insane, say others. Nursing their thoughts in a corner as the argument grows thicker and the cigarette stubs get shorter, a careful few say that it all depends.

In these human contests across time — and against the backdrop of changing bodies and techniques — the shrewdest observers are those who shun outspoken certitude. But are we right to judge horses across time in the same manner? Are there fewer imponderables with which to fuss and grapple? Or is it a business as devilishly difficult as comparisons are between the athletic feats of men today and those that preceded them?

The evolution of the racehorse occurred at a quite different pace from that to which we have grown accustomed in athletes. Nijinsky, who won in 1970, possessed a physique that was in no way inferior to that of Celtic Swing. The same can be said for Tudor Minstrel, who ran a memorable race to win at Newmarket in 1947. Our fantasy race is, in valuable respects, a very real race. Comparing Celtic Swing with Brigadier Gerard, for example, is a less hazardous exercise than pitting Sir Donald Bradman against Vivian Richards.

Yet that does not mean that the result can easily be forecast. Will our wonder horse, who waltzed his recent win at Newbury, emerge in front in the Newmarket of our inventions? Read about it in *The Times* tomorrow, complete with Peter O'Sullevan's inimitable commentary — after a sleepless night.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Tonypandy and UK sovereignty

From Lord Buxton

Sir, Members of both Houses of Parliament know well that Lord Tonypandy's letter (April 25) will have stirred the majority of people in this country. But his letter and others today have not drawn attention to one critical factor.

Everyone knows that the country is now in disarray, because Parliament and people are at present like tectonic plates, moving apart with an irresistible force. The real problem is that the leadership of all parties is united on Europe and there is no formal opposition.

Going to Parliament today for EC matters is like going through the looking glass; the atmosphere is unreal because of the all-party cartel. Although we pay for formal Opposition, on Europe it no longer exists, and Parliament has ceased to function along traditional lines.

Yours faithfully,
AUBREY BUXTON,
Old Hall Farm, Stiffkey, Norfolk.
April 27.

From Mr G. H. B. Cattell

Sir, The impassioned plea of Viscount Tonypandy for the preservation of our national sovereignty will intensify the debate over Britain's place in Europe. As we celebrate 50 years of relative peace in Europe since the end of the last great war it will arouse strong feelings of pride and loyalty, particularly in those of us who have become disillusioned with the unelected and criminally wasteful bureaucracy of the European Union.

And yet there are surely many among us, old and young alike, whose vision still extends to the goal of greater union in the peoples and nations of the world.

The difficulty with Lord Tonypandy's proposed referendum lies in the framing of the questions. It is not unlikely that a majority would vote yes to the question: "Do you support the preservation of sovereignty for Britain and its Parliament even if that means withdrawal from the European Union?"

But is it not equally likely that a majority would also vote yes to the question: "Do you support the political objective of greater union among the peoples and nations of the world, even at the cost of national sovereignty?"

Yours faithfully,
G. H. B. CATTELL,
Little Cheveney, Yalding, Kent.
April 27.

From Mr Roland Carter

Sir, Sir Terence Higgins, MP (letter, April 27), claims to see a threat to "our representative system of parliamentary democracy" in the nation's desire for a referendum following Maastricht.

Burke's thesis that MPs are representatives not delegates is a comfortable one for MPs, but the system is not working. The hallmarks of parliamentary democracy (and I quote from *Parliament and the Glorious Revolution*, published in 1988 "by authority of the Lord Chancellor and the Speaker of the House of Commons") include "the accountability of Ministers to Members of Parliament and of MPs to the electorate".

The plain fact is that Ministers now see the role of MPs as being accountable to them. The Prime Minister in particular has made this quite clear in a number of statements in the framework of Maastricht and subsequent developments.

The capture of Parliament by the executive is a problem that we need urgently to tackle. It is so important that it should not be complicated by the even murkier constitutional problems which the European Union will present if we stay in.

Yours etc,
ROLAND CARTER,
Post Cottage,
Langton, Malton, North Yorkshire.

From Mr H. D. Page Croft

Sir, Both leading parties are split over the future of the EU, but only nine Tory rebels have dared to defy their leader. Calling up the memory of Burke and other past great parliamentarians, as Sir Terence Higgins does, only exposes the poor quality of the present lobby fodder, who are still supposed to represent us but are in fact no more than delegates of the whips.

History will place Lord Tonypandy in the ranks of the great parliamentarians.

Yours faithfully,
HUGO D. PAGE CROFT,
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April 27.

From Mr E. M. Holt

Sir, Mr David Faull's statement (letters, April 27) that "we must pool our sovereignty with those who share a common heritage" is a case of the right sentiment wrongly applied. The common heritage we share is with the English-speaking nations of the world, especially the Commonwealth nations and the USA, not the Europeans, whose main contribution to our welfare has been to embroil us in their wars over many centuries.

Yours sincerely,
E. M. HOLT,
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Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.
April 27.

Division of pensions and equalising retirement age

From Mr Martin Pointer and Mr Nicholas Mostyn

Sir, If the proposals for dealing with pensions on divorce announced by Mr Peter Lilley go no further than the existing, mainly government-sponsored, amendments to the Pensions Bill that were introduced in the House of Lords (report, April 25), the powers vested in the courts in divorce proceedings will be changed to a negligible degree. It is facile of the Government to pretend otherwise.

It is already possible under the law for a court to require a husband's pension scheme to make payments directly to a former wife who has the benefit of a periodical payments order. This is catered for by the Attachment of Earnings Act 1971. It is neither an onerous nor a costly procedure.

Such relief was, incidentally, an ingredient in the financial provision made for Mrs Anne Brooks, for whom we appeared in her husband's appeal last month in the House of Lords. That part of her award has never been challenged in the three tiers of appeal through which the case has progressed (Law Report, May 27, 1994; Weekend Money, February 11 and April 8, 1995).

The problem in practice (subject to the outcome of Mr Brooks's appeal in the House of Lords) has been that the courts, while subject to a clear duty to allow for the resources in a pension scheme in deciding what financial provision to make for a claimant, have not had power directly to divide between the spouses the assets referable to a husband in his occupational pension scheme.

Lady Hollis's original amendment to the new Bill would have permitted that. But it seems that she decided to withdraw it upon the basis of amendments that promised — and continue to promise — much more than they will in fact deliver.

Such an extension to the courts' powers would be welcomed by the judiciary, practitioners, divorcing spouses and the pensions industry alike. It is a pity that the Government will not wholeheartedly embrace this overdue reform.

Yours faithfully,
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April 26.

From Mr Don W. Steele

Sir, On behalf of ARPO50, the Association of Retired and Persons over 50, I would like to add support for the views expressed by the General Secretary of the TUC and others in their letter of April 25.

The significant proportion of men retiring — or being forcibly retired through "voluntary" redundancy — indicates that the existing state pension age of 65 for male workers remains unrealistically high, which is why ARPO50 has actively been pressing for the adoption of a flexible decade of retirement, with a lower limit of 60 for both sexes.

We take the view that physical age is not, in itself, an effective measure of the ability of an individual to fulfil his or her obligations to an employer. If provision were to be made for earlier male retirement, within a predetermined age band, this would introduce an element of choice for the individual to select the age at which he or she retired.

Such a reduction of the state pension age (starting from 60 for both sexes) could be paid for by the elimination of the upper earnings limit on National Insurance contributions — a fact which no political party has yet seen fit to acknowledge or include in its policy making.

Sixty-five may prove to be a realistic age for retirement in the second half of the 21st century, but the position now for a growing number of men is that there is a "poverty hiatus" between forced retirement and receipt of the state pension which can last anything up to ten years in some cases.

In today's climate of sexual, religious and racial equality, it remains an anomaly that such action as is contemplated within the Pensions Bill can be passed into the statute book by the otherwise right and fair-minded.

Yours faithfully,
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April 25.

From Sir John Walley

Sir, To one retired from the public service for almost 30 years, it was fascinating to see the reference by Mr Monks and his co-signatories to the Phillips report, published more than 40 years ago.

After taking evidence from me, among others, that committee got it wrong because they concentrated on raising the *minimum* age for claiming the state retirement pension rather than on encouraging later retirement. They had nothing useful to say about our sex-differentiation in this field, which is what our present Government is now tackling.

Your readers may be more interested to know that there was no sex differentiation in the age-70 "Lloyd George" pension; nor in the age-65 contributory pensions with which Churchill sought to replace it in 1925.

The lowering of the age for this pension to 60 for women only was a foolish idea of Treasury officials determined to avoid (Mr Monks may like to know) accepting a TUC offer to support a retirement increase of the Churchill pension *and* pay their full share of the cost. The legislation for this disastrous change was being debated in the Commons while our troops were withdrawing from Dunkirk.

Yours truly,
JOHN WALLEY,
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Cottenham, Cambridgeshire.
April 25.

Suffering in Sudan

From Mr Ranald Boyle

Sir, Bernard Levin's article, "The suffering of Sudan" (April 14), will have brought home to many readers the dreadful deprivation that exists throughout that country, particularly in the South. It cannot be brought to an end by the provision of humanitarian aid alone: there has to be a political solution.

Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia and Eritrea, under the chairmanship of President Daniel arap Moi of Kenya, have for over a year been making efforts to bring all the parties concerned to the negotiating table to talk peace. They are being frustrated mainly by the obduracy and procrastination of the Government of Sudan, which is trying to impose Islamic fundamentalism on the whole country.

These countries need help from the international community (especially from the United States of America and the European Union) to put pressure on the Sudan Government to come to the table. Britain can play her part now that we once more have an Ambassador *en poste* in Khartoum to develop the Prime Minister's policy of "preventive diplomacy" in Africa, which he propounded last year, during his visit to South Africa, as a way of ending Africa's wars (report, September 21, 1994).

A persuasive factor could be the question of the restoration of Sudan's drawing rights on the International Monetary Fund, which, it appears, will be considered at the next IMF meeting in late May. Any agreement on this should be linked not only to good governance in Sudan (of which there is little sign) but also to the question of the Sudan Government's observance of basic human rights — condemned as recently as March 8 in Geneva by the United Nations Commission and conveniently overlooked by the Sudan Chargé d'Affaires in his letter to you (April 24).

The suffering in Sudan has gone on for well over a generation, and has been often ignored by the governments of the international community. An opportunity now exists for solving this long-running problem. Let Britain be the first to take it.

Yours faithfully,
RANALD BOYLE,
906 Beatty House,
Dolphin Square, SW1.
April 24.

From Mr N. Alan Green

Sir, Those who have friends and colleagues in the Republic of the Sudan are anxious to support anyone whose genuine hope is to resolve the complex problems in the country. Mr Abdel Rahman Bakheit, Chargé d'Affaires, shows considerable restraint in his letter responding to Mr Bernard Levin's article.

As a committed Christian I found Mr Levin's views particularly unhelpful to the efforts of groups whose aim is to promote talks between rival parties.

Yours faithfully,
N. ALAN GREEN,
60a The Close, Norwich, Norfolk.
April 24.

Legal aid limits

From the Director of the National Consumer Council

Sir, The National Consumer Council welcomes the Lord Chancellor's proposal (report, later editions, April 26) for a special investigation unit to deal with complex applications for legal aid. There should be effective means of preventing applicants concealing assets or income.

Nevertheless we share the Bar Council and Law Society's concern about the proposed power to include the assets of friends or relatives. There is a danger it will allow arbitrary and unfair decisions to withhold legal aid.

Our overriding concern is the proposal that the equity value of a house over £100,000 should be taken into account in assessing means. Many pensioners and others who have paid off mortgages on properties may well find themselves ineligible for legal aid under this proposal, even though they have very low incomes.

Many pensioners would be unable to raise money to finance a case on the security of a house. We suggested a much higher threshold of twice the highest band for council tax purposes.

When the consultation paper was published we were concerned that the Lord Chancellor would take advantage of the public outcry over huge legal aid bills for fraud trials to limit still further legal aid for those who could hardly be called wealthy. It seems our fears were justified.

Yours faithfully,
RUTH EVANS,
Director,
National Consumer Council,
20 Grosvenor Gardens, SW1.
April 27.

Forces medical cuts

From the President of the British Association of Plastic Surgeons and others

Sir, You report today the concern of a parliamentary group over the disquieting level of government cuts to a whole spectrum of Armed Forces medical facilities. These are cuts which are easy to make in peacetime but which may be much regretted at times of unforeseen conflict.

Our own association is, for example, deeply concerned that there will soon not be a single fully trained Armed Forces plastic surgeon of consultant status. This is in contrast to overwhelming evidence that modern warfare produces large numbers of burn and other mutilating injuries whose care requires significant plastic surgical expertise. The experience of the Falklands War and of the results of the treatments of the seriously wounded in two world wars by Sir Harold Gillies and Sir Archibald McIndoe appear to have been forgotten.

Yours faithfully,
M. N. SAAD,
President,
DOUGLAS S. MURRAY
(Honorary Secretary),
P. J. MAHAFFEY
(Chairman, Service and
Development Committee),
British Association of
Plastic Surgeons,
35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2.
April 26.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 0171-782 5046.

'Stop-go' healthcare

From Dr Lynne Jones, MP for Birmingham Selly Oak (Labour)

Sir, Nick Bosanquet ("Paying for a healthier service", April 19) suggests £150 per household to pay for primary healthcare — a poll tax for the NHS? Wouldn't 2p on income tax be fairer?

He also waxes eloquent about the West Midlands "waiting list initiative". I suggest he inquires into this a little more. Under this scheme, patients are being treated many miles away from home, often in private facilities, because of the closure of beds and staff redundancies locally. Some of the aftercare, which is routine following surgery carried out in Birmingham hospitals, is omitted.

The extra money which suddenly became available after months of cost cutting in South Birmingham Health Authority is not to be incorporated into the base budgets of health authorities, so there is no guarantee that waiting lists will not rise again. Planning for the long-term needs of a population is not aided by these stop-go policies nor is good value for money obtained.

Yours faithfully,
LYNNE JONES,
House of Commons.
April 21.

Wrong department

From Mr David Hill

Sir, Perhaps the most depressing thing about the appointment of a Professor of Gender Relations at Dundee (report, April 21) is that a great university is apparently unaware that only words are of different genders: people and other creatures are of different sexes.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HILL,
52 Harwood Road,
Marlow, Buckinghamshire.
April 21.

Switched off

From Mr R. F. Sharp

Sir, Is there any prospect of a telephone answering machine that would indicate before connecting the caller that the apparatus was switched on?

Those who were happy to speak to the machine could proceed with their call and leave their message, while the rest of us, who too frequently find ourselves listening to a tape recording but do not wish to leave a message, could hang up and save the cost of the call.

Yours faithfully,
R. F. SHARP,
Church Cottage,
Church Walk, Gillingham, Dorset.
April 28.

Automatic dialling

From Mr Terry E. Weston

Sir, If BT can automatically detect a call that omits the extra "1" added to the old code, why can't their computer add the extra digit automatically, since it's always in the same place?

Yours faithfully,
T. E. WESTON,
Thornlea,
Pixey Green,
Stradbroke, near Eye, Suffolk.
April 27.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE

April 29: The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon attended the Rugby Football League Challenge Cup Final at Wembley Stadium, Middlesex.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

April 30: The Duke of Edinburgh, President, World Wide Fund for Nature — WWF International, this afternoon addressed the Second Session of the Summit on Religions and Conservation at St George's House, Windsor Castle, and attended a Dinner in the Guildhall, Windsor.

KENSINGTON PALACE

April 29: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief The Royal Anglian Regiment, today presented New Colours to the 1st and 2nd Battalions at the Imperial War Museum, Duxford. Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crowden).

Mrs Charles Vyvyan and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

April 30: Princess Alexandra this evening attended the Malcolm Sargent Centenary Gala Concert at the Royal Albert Hall, London SW7.

The Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

April 29: The Prince of Wales was represented by Dr Anil Seal at the Memorial Service for Dr Robert Robson, which was held in Trinity College Chapel, Cambridge.

Memorial services

Miss Kathleen Marguerite Lea

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Miss Kathleen Marguerite Lea, a former Vice-Principal of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, was held on Saturday in the college chapel. The Rev Dr Allan Doig officiated. Professor Anne Hudson and Miss Hilda Pipe read the lessons. Dr Nicholas Shrimpton read from Kate Lea's 1981 edition of *Edward Fairfax, Godfrey of Bulloigne (1600)* and Dr Frances Lannon, Vice-Principal, read George Herbert's *Constancie*. Miss Elizabeth Mackenzie gave an address. The Principal of Lady Margaret Hall attended.

Mr Harry Edwards

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Harry Garner Edwards, a former Housemaster of Clifton College, Headmaster of Queen Elizabeth's Hospital, and Chairman of St George's Music Trust, Bristol, was held on Saturday in Clifton College Chapel. The Rev P.W. Dill officiated, assisted by Canon W.H. Thomson-Glover. Mr Ben Ridler read the lesson and Miss Patricia Routledge read from the works of William Penn. Mr Philip Polack and Mr Stuart Andrews gave addresses. Clifton College and Queen Elizabeth's Hospital combined choirs sang.

Mr Godfrey Brown

A memorial service for Mr A.G.K. Brown, Olympic athlete and former Headmaster of Worcester Royal Grammar School, was held on Saturday in Worcester Cathedral. Canon Derek Tansill officiated. The Archdeacon of Worcester gave a welcome. Mr Daniel Brown, grandson, read the lesson. Dr John Brown, son, read *The Lake Isle of Innisfree* by W.B. Yeats. Sir Ralph Kilner Brown, brother, Mr Norris McWhirter and Mr Anthony R. Wheeler gave addresses.

Dr Robert Robson

A memorial service for Dr Robert Robson, Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, was held on Saturday in the college chapel. The Rev Dr Arnold Browne, assisted by the Rev Anne Stevens, officiated. Dr Richard Glauert read the lesson. Dom Robert Atwell, OSB, gave an address. Sir Michael Atiyah, OM, Master of Trinity College, was present.

Nature notes

The swift: speeding and screaming over rooftops

THE air is full of day-old insects and birds are feeding on them avidly. A sedge warbler singing on a willow-twig merely stretches out its neck between bursts of song to pick some up. A long-tailed tit keeps fluttering up from the top of a bramble bush to snatch a midge drifting by.

Starlings wheel and swoop in the sky, taking flies on the wing. Some starlings are already carrying beakfuls of food to newly-hatched nestlings. Among the last summer visitors to return to Britain are the swifts, which are now speeding and screaming over the rooftops, rocking from side to side to catch insects in their open beaks.

On the hawthorns, the small spherical flower-buds are turning into sheets of white blossom with a powerful scent. Cow parsley is starting to form misty white ribbons along the sides of the lanes.

Among nettle beds, the soft-petalled flowers of red campion are opening on their tall stalks. The spiky white flowers of wild garlic, or ramsons, are coming out in damp, shady places: they are often found alongside the fading bluebells.

DJM

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Birthdays today

Lady Sarah Chatto celebrates her 31st birthday today

Sir Andrew Armstrong, colonial administrator, 88; Mr Naim Attallah, publisher, 64; Earl Bathurst, 68; Sir Richard Brooke, chartered accountant, 80; Mr Steve Cauthen, jockey, 35; Mr Ian Curteis, playwright, 60; Lord Dahrendorf, 66; Sir Henry de Waal, QC, 64; Mr D.R. du Croz, Headmaster, Ellesmere College, Shropshire, 48; Mr David Freeman, opera and theatre director, 43; Dr M. Goldstein, Vice-Chancellor, Coventry University, 56; Sir Irvine Goulding, former High Court judge, 85; Mr Joseph Heller, author, 72; Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Hill, 58; Mr K. Kennedy, former chairman, Philips UK, 58; Professor Phillip King, sculptor, 61; Miss Joanna Lumley, actress, 49; Sir Bruce MacPhail, managing director, P&O, 56; Mr Julian Mitchell, writer, 60; Mr Archie Norman, chief executive, Asda Group, 41; Paul Oakley-White, Honorary Consul for Russia, 59; Dame Felicity Peake, first director, WRAF, 82; Sir Bob Reid, chairman, London Electricity, 61; Sir Lindsay Ring, former Lord Mayor of London, 81; Earl Sondes, 55; Sir Greville Spratt, former Lord Mayor of London, 68; Miss Una Stubbs, actress, 58; Lord Taylor of Gosforth, 65; Miss Wendy Toye, theatrical producer, 78; Mr Michael Watson, MP, 46; Miss Maysie Webb, former deputy director, British Museum, 72; Sir John Wheeler, MP, 55; Admiral Sir John Woodward, 63; Mr Antony Worrall-Thompson, restaurateur, 43.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Rudolf I, Holy Roman Emperor, founder of the Hapsburg dynasty, *Schloss Limburg*, Germany, 1218; William Lilly, astrologer, Diseworth, Leicestershire, 1602; Sebastian Le Prestre de Vauban, Marshal of France, military engineer, St Leger-Vauban, 1633; John Woodward, geologist and physician, Derbyshire, 1665; Joseph Addison, essayist, Milston, Wiltshire, 1672; Arthur Wellesley, 1st Duke of Wellington, Field Marshal, Prime Minister 1828-30, Dublin, 1769; James C. Mangan, poet, Dublin, 1803; Hilaire, Comte de Chardonnet, pioneer of rayon manufacture, Besançon, France, 1839.

DEATHS: Dermot MacMurrough, King of Leinster 1126-71, Ireland, 1171; John Dryden, Poet Laureate 1668-88, London, 1700; David Livingstone, explorer, Chitambo, Zambia, 1873; Antonin Dvorák, composer, Prague, 1904; José Enrique Rodó, philosopher, Palermo, 1917; Sir Ebenezer Howard, pioneer of garden cities, Welwyn Garden City, 1928; Josef Goebbels, Nazi war criminal, committed suicide, Berlin, 1945; William Fox, film producer, New York, 1952.

The Union of England and Scotland was proclaimed, 1707.

"Penny Black" stamps were issued for the first time, 1840.

German troops surrendered in Italy, 1945.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy and Royal Marines

Commodore: M C Shirley — Sultan as Captain, Oct 26.

Captain: H P May — Devonport, Oct 17; J W Parker Saclant USA, Nov 7; S C Thornewill — Seahawk in Cmd, Oct 24.

Commander: C R Munns — MOD London, Sept 29.

Surgeon Commander (D): E A Ball — Sultan, July 21; D L Thomas — Neptune, July 14.

The Army

Colonel: A J G Wight — To JPS PJHQ, May 1.

Lieutenant Colonel: D H A Blease RA — To RMCS, May 6; J P Hargreaves Gren Gds — To be CO 1 Gren Gds, May 4; G F Hislop R Irish — To MOD, May 2; A W Sutherland RLC — To be CO 29 Regt RLC, May 1.

Retirement:

Colonel: D A B Williams Late RGJ, May 6.

SARAH HUNT

Mr Ellis Whitcomb and Miss Mary Rose Loyd at Sandringham church

St Mary's Hospital Paddington

A Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication on the 150th Anniversary of St Mary's Hospital, Paddington (part of St Mary's NHS Trust) will be held in Westminster Abbey at noon on Tuesday, June 20, 1995.

Former staff, patients, volunteers, and others associated with the hospital, are invited to apply for complimentary tickets to: Mr Richard Abbott, Room 20, The Nursing Office, St Mary's NHS Trust, Praed Street, London, W2 1NY, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, by Friday, May 26, 1995. Tickets will be posted on June 1.

The University College of Ripon and York St John

The Governors of the University College of Ripon and York St John are pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Robin A. Butlin as Principal.

Professor Butlin is presently at Loughborough University of Technology and will take up his appointment at the beginning of September when the present Principal, Professor Gordon McGregor, retires.

Lecture

The College of Estate Management

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, delivered a lecture on "Property and Contract in the Common Law of Land" at the City Chambers Edinburgh on Friday evening. The lecture was the second in a series organised by the College to mark the 75th Anniversary of its foundation. The Chairman of the College, Mr Stephen Burman, presided and the Vote of Thanks was proposed by Mr Alan Martin.

University news

Kings College London

Recent research grants include:

Age Concern Institute of Gerontology: Professor A Tinker, £94,075 (Department of Health), section 64 grant aid 1994-95: evaluation/monitoring of the senior health mentor initiative.

Chemistry: Dr H H Fielding, £69,582 (Leverhulme Trust), electron wavepacket dynamics using a novel tuneable VUV picosecond laser source.

Professor F Hibbert, £50,000 (Research Strategy Fund), contribution to new chemical physics laboratory.

Developmental Biology Research Centre/Randall Institute

Dr K Dudley, Dr P J Marsh, £199,537 (MRC), analysis of translational control in spermatogenesis using chimaeric transgenes.

Dr L C Mahadevan, £64,083 (Cancer Research Campaign), Role of anisomycin-activated kinases p45JNK/SAPK and p55JNK/SAPK in signalling to nucleosomes and pronto-oncogene induction.

Education

Dr J F Bliss, £51,456 (ESRC), empirical abstraction and concrete physical reasoning schemes.

Immunology

Dr M Peakman, £470,414 (British Diabetic Association), senior clinical fellowship.

Life Sciences Division

Dr R J Miles, Dr M A Halablab, Mr N Parkinson, £54,326 (Department of Health), microbial colonisation and survival on surfaces.

Prof D O Hall, 130,800 Ecu (European Commission), electricity and biofuels production from sweet sorghum: integration into sugar industries in developing countries and application to Europe.

Mathematics

Professor J G Taylor, Dr V Belu (Fellow), 88,753 Ecu (European Community), programmable neural arrays: design and VLSI implementation of neural networks using threshold gates.

Molecular Biology and Biophysics Group

Professor H J Gould, Dr B J Sutton, £292,243 (MRC), structural studies of complexes formed between IgE and its high and low affinity receptors CFC RI and FC RII/CD23.

Dr M Irving, £177,976 (Wellcome Trust), study of the role of the regulatory domain of myosin in the mechanism of muscle contraction.

Nursing & Midwifery Division

Mrs P Grocott, Professor J Wilson-Barnett, £62,551 (South Thames Regional Health) research training fellowship.

Professor J Wilson-Barnett, £150,176 (Department of Health), outcomes based evaluation of nursing-led intermediate care unit.

Pharmacology Group

Dr P B Nunn, £44,970 (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food), risk assessment of ginseng as a dietary supplement.

Physiology Group

Dr P A Fraser, £119,790 (Wellcome Trust), study of the role of Ca in the regulation of cerebral vascular permeability.

Psychological Medicine

Dr A David, Dr P A Hayward £145,122 (MRC), improving medication compliance in psychotic patients: a randomised controlled trial of motivational interviewing.

War Studies

Professor L F Freedman, $600,000 (John D & Catherine T MacArthur Foundation), regional security in a global context.

Liverpool

Senior appointments

Morton Davies, Director of the Liverpool Institute of Public Administration and Management to a Chair of Public Administration and Management.

Eric Derouane, Director, Laboratoire de Catalyse, Facultés Universitaires Notre-Dame de la Paix, Namur, Belgium, to be Director of the Leverhulme Centre for Innovative Catalysis. The status and title of professor will be associated with this post.

Harold Townson, Senior Lecturer in Medical Entomology, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, to the Selwyn Lloyd Chair of Medical Entomology.

The university has conferred the status and title of professor on the following:

John Corner, Reader in the School of Politics and Communication Studies; Graham Hutchings, Deputy Director of the Leverhulme Centre for Innovative Catalysis; Barry Munslow, Reader in the School of Politics and Communication Studies; Jonathan Rhodes, Reader in the Department of Medicine; John Shaw, Reader jointly in the Department of Earth Sciences and the School of Archaeology, Classics and Oriental Studies; Gareth Williams, Reader in the Department of Medicine.

The university has also made the following senior management appointment:

Susan Rutherford, Personnel Manager, Manchester Metropolitan University, to be Director of Personnel.

Marriages

Mr R.C. Daniels
and Miss J. Bromley-Davenport

The marriage took place quietly on Saturday, April 29, at Holy Trinity Chapel, Capesthorne Hall, Cheshire, between Mr Rupert Daniels and Miss Jane Bromley-Davenport.

Mr W.A. Smyth
and Miss C.J. Reay

The marriage took place on Saturday, April 29, 1995, at St Michael and All Angels Church, Berkhamsted, between Mr Andrew Smyth and Miss Catherine Reay.

Mr E.F.P. Whitcomb
and Miss M.R. Loyd

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Mary Magdalene, Sandringham, Norfolk, of Mr Ellis Whitcomb, son of Major and Mrs Stuart Whitcomb, of Hatfield Park, Hertfordshire, to Miss Mary Rose Loyd, younger daughter of Sir Julian and Lady Loyd, of Burnham Market, Norfolk. Canon George Hall officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Edward Mitchell and Alicia Mitchell. The Hon Patrick Knollys was best man.

A reception was held in Sandringham Park and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr R.J.T. Williams
and Miss A.C. McArthur

The marriage took place on Saturday in Emmanuel College Chapel, Cambridge, of Mr Rhys Williams, only son of Professor Sir David Williams, QC, and Lady Williams, of Cambridge, to Miss Annette McArthur, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John McArthur, of Bexley, Kent. The Bishop of Peterborough and the Rev Jeremy Caddick officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Mrs Lorna McArthur-Rennardson. Mr David Dickens was best man.

A reception was held at Wolfson College and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.A. Guy
and Ms V.J.H. Hill

The engagement is announced between Dominic, only son of Mr Clive Guy, of Beckenham, Kent, and Mrs Beverley Guy, of St Margaret's Bay, Kent, and Vanessa, only daughter of Mr A.C. Hill, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, and Mrs Mair Hill, of Brackley, Northamptonshire.

Mr N.W. Lumsden
and Miss F.J. Lee

The engagement is announced between Nigel William, only son of Mr G.R.C. and the late Mrs N.C. Lumsden, of Brechin, Angus, and Fiona, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Lee, of Corscombe, Dorset.

Mr M.J. Mendoza
and Miss L.L.A. Cramer

The engagement is announced between Miles, only son of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Mendoza, of Roehampton, London, and Lynne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Dennis Patrick Cramer, of Bridgwater, Somerset.

Mr R.A.B. Moore
and Miss C.M. Stewart

The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Moore, of Kensington, London, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen M. Stewart, of Southport, Connecticut, USA.

Captain A.C.P. Norris
and Captain L.R. Dickson

The engagement is announced between Captain Adam Norris, The Light Infantry, eldest son of Brigadier and Mrs Philip Norris, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Captain Lucy Dickson, Adjutant General's Corps, daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Derry Dickson, of Cove, Dumbartonshire.

Mr P.M. Black
and Miss C. Kurtz

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Black, of Kensington, London, and Catherine, daughter of Dr Antony and Dr Zarrina Kurtz, also of Kensington, London.

Dr D.B. Mumford
and Miss S.E. Roberts

The engagement is announced between David Bardwell, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Wilfrid Mumford, of Canford Magna, Dorset, and Shelley Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stuart Roberts, of Toronto, Canada.

Mr C.P. Perry
and Miss C.L. Richens

The engagement is announced between Clayton, second son of Mr Trevor Perry, of Sydney, Australia, and Mrs Kay Perry, of Auckland, New Zealand, and Claire Louise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Richens, of Nailsea, Bristol.

Mr P. Roblin, FRCS,
and Dr R.L. Whitfield

The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Mr and Mrs David Roblin, of Radyr, Cardiff, and Roseanne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick J. Whitfield, of Kingston, Surrey.

Mr J.W.G. Talbot Rice
and Miss M.L.E. Sprinz

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Talbot Rice, of Kensington, and Tina, daughter of the late Dr Hans Sprinz, of Johannesburg and of Mrs Annelise Sprinz, of Peterborough.

Mr M. Thalman
and Miss C.L. Chalmers

The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Bud Thalman, of State College, Pennsylvania, and Catriona, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Chalmers, of Little Baddow, Essex.

Today's royal engagement

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Marshal of the Royal Air Force, will visit RAF Saxa Vord, Haroldswick, Unst, Shetland, at 11.10.

Service dinner

Surrey Yeomanry
(Queen Mary's Regiment)

Viscount Montgomery of Alamein was the guest of honour at a dinner of the Surrey Yeomanry Regimental Asociation held on Saturday at the Duke of York's Headquarters.

Corporal Jack Proctor (1914-18), Colonel David Sime, president, and Lieutenant-Colonel Tom Davis also spoke. Major Keith Taylor was in the chair.

Robert Shaw

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Robert Shaw, LVO, ARIBA, MRTPI, will be held at the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, Strand, London, on Thursday, May 4, at noon.

Appointments

Mr Ian Burns, Grade 2 Head of the Police Department at the Home Office, to transfer to the Lord Chancellor's Department in August to succeed Mr Michael Malone-Lee as Head of the department's Policy Group.

Sir John Birch, Ambassador to Hungary, to be Director of the British Association for central and Eastern Europe in succession to Mr Alan Brooke Turner who is retiring.

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Blessed is he who comes as king in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven, glory in highest heaven.
Luke 19 (REB).

BIRTHS

BATEMAN - On April 20th, to Adam and Sara, a son, Harry Matthew Courtenay.

BROWN - On April 18th 1995, to Kevin and Julie, a daughter, Hannah Rachael, a sister for Adam and Bethany.

HARLEY - On Wednesday April 19th, to Jean (née Parr) and Andrew, a son, Noah Alexander, 6lb 11oz.

JENKINS - On March 28th 1995, to Louise (née Ratcliffe) and Iain, a daughter Isobel Fay.

KEMBER - On Tuesday 25th April, to Sonita (née Sondhi) and Paul, a son, Keelan Rai, brother to Jack Gian and Oliver Anton.

PUGH - On April 19th, to Katharine (née Megginson) and Simon, a son, Samuel Thomas Edgar, a brother for Sophie.

DEATHS

ALT - Laurence Benjamin. On 27th April 1995 at home, after an illness borne with the most outstanding courage. Adored and so very much loved husband of Jane, father of Amy and brother of Anthony. Greatly missed by many friends and family who cherish his memory.

ARGENTI - Mildred Elfrida, 'Mil', on 28th April at Heath Road Hospital, Ipswich, peacefully after a long illness, greatly loved wife, mother and grandmother. Donations please to Alzheimer's Disease Society. Service at Ipswich Crematorium 2.30 Friday 5th May.

BAKER-SMITH - Margaret Kathleen, on 26th April, aged 85 years in the care of The Victoria Nursing Home, The Drive, Hove. Widow of Christopher, loved mother of Dominic and Peter, grandmother and great-grandmother. Requiem mass 3.15pm on 2nd May at St. Peter's, Portland Road, Hove.

BIRD - Violet Elsa (Vio) on 27th April 1995, at Cranford Nursing Home, Exmouth, after a brief illness aged 88. Wife of the late Col. H. B. Bird, (Royal Warwickshire Reg.t.) mother to Robin and Phoebe, dearly loved by all her family. Funeral Service at Exeter and Devon Crematorium on Thursday 4th May at 2. 15 pm.

BUSHELL - On April 27th, peacefully at home in Norwich, after a long illness, Diana Mary. Beloved wife of Tony, dearly loved mother of Elizabeth, Caroline and the late James, and only daughter of the late Bill and Mary Bailey of Norwich. Private family cremation service at St Faiths, Norwich, on Wednesday May 3rd. A service of Thanksgiving for the life of Diana will be held on Thursday, May 25th at 4.30pm. At St Peter Mancroft, Norwich. Family flowers only, but donations in aid of Cancer Research, may be sent c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Rd, Norwich.

CULLEN - Margot Daphne, on 28th April. Dearly loved mother of Stephanie, Angus and Penelope. Adored grandma of Amber, Alsia, Jura and Jesse. Her presence and spirit will be greatly missed by her family and her dear friends.

FLETCHER - On 27th April, Archibald Ian Douglas Fletcher of Dunans, O.B.E. Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute. Funeral on Thursday 4th May at 1.00pm at Dunans, Glendaruel, Argyll.

GOODWIN - Major Geoffrey Lawrence, husband of the late Janet, father of Lorna, Nigel and Frances, Emeritus Professor of International Relations LSE, peacefully on 26th April 1995 after a short illness following a full, courageous and generous life. Funeral service at St. Peter's Church, Selsey, West Sussex, on Monday 15th May at 2pm followed by private cremation. Tea for all afterwards at Norton Priory, Selsey. No flowers please but donations to Christian Aid, c/o F.A.Holland and Son, 1 New Parade, High Street, Selsey. All enquiries please telephone (01243 602764)

HINCKS - On April 24th suddenly after a long illness borne with fortitude and courage, Julia Mary Hincks R.G.N. aged 25 years. Sadly missed but loved by all who came into contact with her. Funeral service to be held at St. Andrew's Church, Colyton, Devon, on Friday 5th May at 2.30pm. Flowers may be left at the church or sent c/o Overmass and Chapple, Chapple Court, Queen Street, Seaton, Devon, EX12 2RB

ING - On April 26th, 1995, suddenly at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kings Lynn, Simon Burton aged 56 years of King Street, Kings Lynn. Retired partner from Coopers & Lybrand. Dearly loved husband to Hazel, proud father to Jason and Sophie. Funeral service at St Margaret's Church, Kings Lynn on Wednesday May 3rd at 1.30pm. Followed by interment at Holme-next-the-Sea. Family flowers only please.

JEANTY - On 24th April 1995, Claire, wife of Paul, peacefully after a short illness. Cremation private before interment in the family vault in Belgium.

MARSHALL - On April 28th 1995 peacefully at Wallington Hospital Jean Philippa aged 73. Dear sister of Kenneth and aunt of Roger, Alice and Lucy and great-aunt of Hugh, Philippa, Ben and Susannah. Service on May 4th at 2.30pm at Oxford Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Wallington Hospital.

NESHAM - On 28th April, Major The Rev'd Robert H. Nesham, Indian Army, Royal Artillery, H.A.C. Freeman City of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Freemason, Vicar of Down Ampney with Poulton. Funeral at Poulton. Cremation private. No flowers, donations to Gloucestershire Churches Preservation Trust.

PAUL - On 27th April, peacefully at Foxleigh Nursing Home, aged 88, Dr. Margaret Louisa Paul, widow of Dr. Robert A.P. Paul, and dearly loved mother of Elizabeth, Roderick and Andrew. Funeral service at 1.30pm on Wednesday 3rd May at St John the Baptist, Hillingdon, followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip at 2.30pm. Flowers to A.V. Smith & Son, Royal Lane, Hillingdon.

REYNOLDS - On 28th April, 1995 at The Aldbourne Nursing Home, after a series of courageously fought illnesses, Major Cecil Laurence Reynolds R.A. (Chips). Loving husband of Barbara, much loved father of Jennifer and dear Granchi to Oggi, Becca, Robin and Hannah. Funeral service on Thursday May 4th at 2.30pm at St Nicholas Church, Wilsford, Nr Pewsey, Wiltshire. Enquiries to Thomas Free & Sons, The Parade, Marlborough, Wilts. Tel: 01672 512110.

SHERINGHAM - On 27th April, John, peacefully at Morriston Hospital, Swansea after a short illness. Cremation on Wednesday 3rd May at Aberystwyth.

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OBITUARIES

CY ENDFIELD

Cy Endfield, film director, died in Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire, on April 16 aged 80. He was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, on November 10, 1914.

"REPORTS of my death were greatly exaggerated" might be an appropriate epitaph for Cy Endfield. He had been officially dead these 12 years, according to those twin canonical film authorities, Leslie Halliwell and Ephraim Katz. Endfield was known in Britain, where he came after being blacklisted in the United States, for films such as *Zulu* (1964) and *Hell Drivers* (1957), both of which starred Stanley Baker. But nothing he did, be it television advertisement or feature film, was ever less than intriguing. He was one of the film industry's most innovative, if underrated, directors and screenwriters.

His interest in the performing arts originated when he was packed off to summer camp by his parents to get him away from a somewhat bookish and introspective childhood. At camp he developed a fascination for card tricks and his passion for magic was to remain with him for the rest of his life. By the time he left school he was already an accomplished magician, designing his own card tricks and making a name for himself as Roger Barkin, the "poetic magician", his accompanying patter delivered in verse.

After his student days at Yale he hitch-hiked to New York where he attached himself to an organisation called the New Theatre League, a centre of activity influenced by the work of Clifford Odets, and the Group Theatre which was then under the creative direction of men like Elia Kazan and Lee Strasberg. Endfield formed his own small entertainment group specialising in social satire which performed in nightclubs, at weddings and at barmitzvahs. He was eventually offered a paid post to direct an amateur theatre group in Montreal for which, for a year, he produced and toured plays, musicals and other entertainments.

In 1940 he left Montreal for Hollywood where his all-important initial break came through a chance meeting, at a shop selling magic tricks, with Jack Moss, Orson Welles's producer. A shared fascination with magic — Orson Welles was himself a magician of some note — led to Endfield being invited to join the Mercury Theatre, run by Orson Welles and John Houseman, as an apprentice.

Patrick McGoohan and Stanley Baker in *Hell Drivers*, 1957, directed by Cy Endfield, right

In 1942 he had his first film opportunity when MGM invited him to direct *Inflation*, a 15-minute "short" commissioned by the Office of War Information. The film was eventually suppressed by the US Chamber of Commerce for being too anti-capitalist in tone, and did not receive a public screening until 1991 when it was shown at the Telluride Film Festival.

Nevertheless, other shorts followed until Endfield was called away to serve in the Signals Corps. On his return he worked on a number of low-budget features including *Gentleman Joe Palooka* (1946), *Stork Bites Man* (1947) and *Joe Palooka and the Big Fight* (1949). To help to promote *Gentleman Joe Palooka* he put together a variety act (one of whose members was a budding young actress called Marilyn Monroe) which toured hospitals and veterans' organisations. *Try and Get Me* (British title: *The Sound of Fury*) a mob-rule drama, and *Tarzan's Savage Fury*, both made in 1951, were regarded by many as too anti-American in content.

With speculation mounting over what was perceived to be a constant left-wing bias in Endfield's films — an accusation fuelled by the discovery that while at Yale he had been an active worker on behalf of the Young Communist League — he was eventually "identified" as a Communist sympathiser by the House Un-American Activities Committee. This was despite his pleading that he had only been a Communist Party supporter while at university and and was no longer a political activist. Nevertheless, he was placed on the notorious Hollywood blacklist when he refused to name names.

No longer able to work in films in North America, Endfield came to England and worked until 1957 under a pseudonym to avoid distribution problems in the States. Eventually the charged emotions over the blacklist subsided and he was allowed to use his own surname on film credits.

In this country he was involved in a number of notable film projects, among them *Colonel March Investigates*, a three-episode pilot for TV starring Boris Karloff in 1953; *Night of the Demon* (1957) starring Dan Andrews; *Hell Drivers* (1957) with Herbert Lom and Stanley Baker; *Sea Fury* (1958); *Jet Storm* (1959) with Richard Attenborough; *Child in the House* (1961) one of several made in collaboration with Stanley Baker; and *Sands of the Kalahari* (1965) starring Stuart Whitman and Susannah York.

But perhaps Cy Endfield will be best remembered for *Zulu*, an epic account of the siege of Rorke's Drift in 1879, which was made in South Africa in 1964 with a star-studded cast which included Stanley Baker and the then relatively unknown Michael Caine.

Even Endfield's commercial films always had an edge to them and several have since attained cult status. Some of the commercials he directed for television have been acclaimed as minor masterpieces in their own right. He also had a unique aptitude for recognising potential star quality.

He spotted Jean Shrimpton as having the potential to become one of the most successful models of the Sixties and helped to launch the career of Michael Crawford when in 1962 he cast him in the leading role, with Bob Monkhouse, in a British production of Neil Simon's play *Come Blow Your Horn*, which ran at the Prince of Wales Theatre for 583 performances. Endfield's last film was in 1971 when he directed *Universal Soldier* starring George Lazenby and featuring the young Germaine Greer.

Cy Endfield, who lived in England for nearly 45 years, sustained his passion for magic — he was reckoned one of the ten best magicians in the world — which continued until failing eyesight and poor health began to take their toll. He nonetheless found time to write *Zulu Dawn* which set out to trace the history of the Zulu nation, and went on to sell more than 250,000 copies.

An officially-recognised silversmith with his own personal mark, he also designed and marketed, as a limited edition in silver and gold, a portable chess set to commemorate the Spassky-Fischer match in 1972.

Cy Endfield was twice married, and is survived by his second wife, Maureen (Mo), and their two daughters.

ANDREW SALKEY

Andrew Salkey, author, died in Massachusetts on April 28 from congestive heart failure aged 67. He was born in Colon, Panama, on January 30, 1928.

ANDREW SALKEY belonged to that generation of Caribbean writers who arrived in London in the early 1950s and who were immediately labelled — no matter which island they came from — Jamaicans. Supported by his long connection with the BBC, Salkey became one of the most visible members of the group.

Like his contemporaries, Salkey favoured writing his books in a Jamaican patois which the uninitiated reader could find heavy going. Added to that he was unashamedly left-wing and his children's books were, at one time, banned as unsuitable in Jamaican schools. But in London's more liberal climate he never found a shortage of either publishers or readers. His first novel, *A Quality of Violence*, was published in 1959 and it was followed by seven novels, six children's novels, a book-length historical poem and fifty or so plays, 35 of which were produced on BBC radio.

Andrew Alexander Felix Salkey was born in Panama, where his father was working as an engineer on the Panama Canal, and brought up in Jamaica by his mother, a teacher. He was educated at St George's College in Kingston and Munro College in St Elizabeth, but he also had access to a large library at home, which had been bought at an auction by his father for his "teacher-lady" wife. He was inspired to write by listening to his mother telling folk tales and duppy — or voodoo — stories.

He arrived in England in 1952 to read English at London University in one of the first waves of Caribbean writers to settle in England. V. S. Naipaul had arrived two years before, and he had been joined by Samuel Selvon, Edgar Mittelholzer and John Hearne, all writing novels.

Ray Charles being interviewed by Andrew Salkey for the BBC in 1966

Salkey's apprenticeship consisted of frenzied reading, and reporting for the BBC's overseas services.

Meanwhile he completed his first sustained piece of writing about Jamaica — "a kind of historical symposium in verse" as Naipaul described it when he read the manuscript (Salkey suspected because he did not understand it). Others considered it a perverse offering from such a young writer: not even remotely autobiographical, written in a folk language which could barely sustain the weight of serious argument, and concerned with an obscure group of peasants. It was not published until 1973, under the title *Jamaica*.

Despite the baffled reception of *Jamaica*, Salkey had little trouble finding a publisher for his first novel, *A Quality of Violence* (1959), and it was greeted favourably enough to encourage him to resign his day job as a teacher in a comprehensive. Set in a remote area of Jamaica at the turn of the century, the novel studied the effect of a bad drought on a village's religious faith. His next novel, *Escape to an Autumn Pavement* (1960), told of the depressing experiences of a middle-class Jamaican adrift in London in the 1950s. It was written in what many felt was an incongruously up-beat style.

In the 1960s Salkey concentrated on a series of six children's books and it was not until 1968 that he published his third novel, *The Late Emancipation of Jerry Stover*, which took an unsentimental look at modern Jamaica. There followed *The Adventures of Catallus Kelly* (1969) and *Come Home, Malcolm Heartland* (1976), both dealing with the plight of the exiled middle-class Jamaican contemplating return.

If Salkey was reaching, as some complained, a point of exhaustion as a novelist, he surprised everyone in 1973 with the charming *Anancy's Score*, a collection of short stories about the anarchic spiderman of Caribbean myth. There followed *Anancy, Traveller* (1988).

Salkey moved to America in 1976 as Professor of Writing at Hampshire College in Massachusetts. He returned to his London flat near Hyde Park in the summers, and his journalism took him to Guyana and to Cuba several times. He also edited numerous Caribbean poetry and fiction anthologies.

He is survived by his wife Patricia and by two sons.

HUMPHRY GREENWOOD

Humphry Greenwood, FRS, ichthyologist, died after a stroke on March 3 aged 67. He was born on April 21, 1927.

HUMPHRY GREENWOOD was a world authority in ichthyological research — the study of the natural history of fish. At one level he was distinguished for his studies on the explosive speciation of perch-like fishes in African lakes. He sought to answer a fundamental question: while many animals have plodded on with little change over aeons, why should Lake Victoria, within less than a million years, have spawned 170 species of cichlid (tropical freshwater) fishes?

Yet, during the forty or so years he spent unravelling the relationships of these once commercially important fishes, he used his findings at another level to distinguish himself as the major contributor in a collaborative, near-revolutionary study of teleostean (boney fish) classification and phylogeny. His dedication to meticulous scholarship was fired by exuberant enthusiasm for all aspects of his subject.

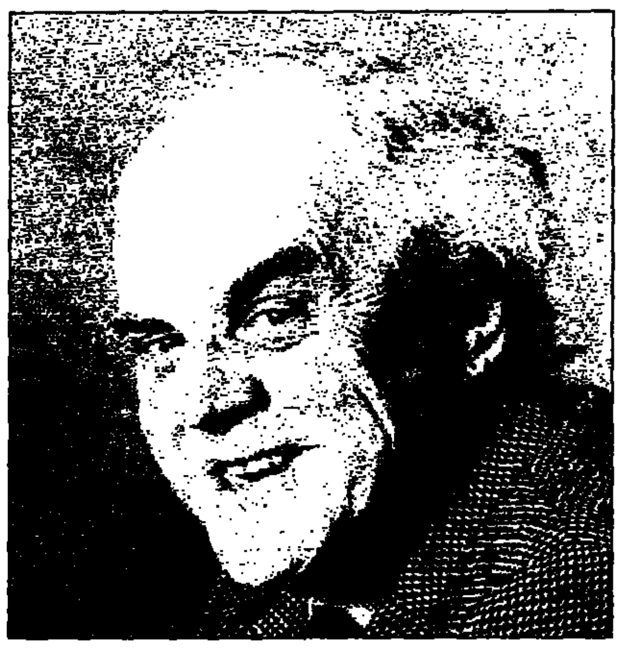
Born in Redruth, Cornwall, Peter Humphry Greenwood was taken to South Africa as a small child, where he grew up and was educated. On leaving Krugersdorp High School in 1944, he joined the South African Navy at the age of 16. He was seconded to the Royal Navy and saw action in the Far East, where he was wounded.

He left the Navy in 1946 and went to the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. After graduating with honours in zoology in 1951 he came to London to work for a PhD at the British Museum (Natural History), now the Natural History Museum. Here Dr Ethelwyn Trewavas introduced him to problems relating to the cichlid fishes of Lake Victoria. A Colonial Office fisheries research studentship enabled him to spend six months in Uganda, but the work there proved so attractive that he joined the staff of the East African Fisheries Organisation at Jinja and abandoned his PhD.

After seven years in Uganda Greenwood returned to the Natural History Museum as a senior government research fellow and joined the permanent staff as a senior scientific officer in 1959. His study material was his own vast collection of specimens from the East African lakes which led him to describe an astonishing diversity of cichlides hitherto unrecognised.

Greenwood's first paper, published as an article in *Nature*, was on the evolution of African cichlid fishes and it had immediate impact on the leading evolutionary authorities, zoological and palaeontological, throughout the world. It revealed a vast field for future study, important philosophically for the theory of evolution and economically for the intelligent exploitation of a rich resource of protein food. Thus established, he explored this field, both among extant species and fossils, leading to the award of his DSc in 1962 from the University of Witwatersrand.

His work prompted him to reconsider the basic tenets of speciation theory — meaning the formation of new and



distinct species in the course of evolution — and to give thought to arguments on the reality of macro-evolutionary phenomena and processes.

Far from being a narrow specialist, however, Greenwood used these and other studies to make outstanding contributions to fish classification and phylogeny. In a watershed paper, written in 1966 with three colleagues, he and his collaborators advanced the idea that the hitherto well-established grouping of primitive boney fishes (such as herrings, trout and tarpon) should be dismembered and its components allocated among four taxa, on the basis of an anatomical study of living forms. (Set in perspective, the importance of this was roughly analogous to the situation in mammals had the distinction between monotremes, marsupials and placentals not been appreciated until 1966.)

The impact of this synthesis was tremendous and reset the direction of ichthyological studies worldwide. It was further focused in 1973 with publication of the symposium volume, *Interrelationships of Fishes*, of which Greenwood was the senior editor, together with R. S. Miles and C. Patterson.

Further important work followed, including his 800-page volume on the cichlid fishes of East African lakes in 1981, being his collected papers on their taxonomy, biology and evolution. In all he published around 150 papers, co-edited three books and completely revised J. R. Norman's classic *History of Fishes*. At the Natural History Museum he rose through Curator of Fishes by two individual merit promotions to Deputy Chief Scientific Officer.

His achievements were recognised by many international honours and awards, including foreign membership the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in 1984 and election to the fellowship of the Royal Society in 1985. He served the Royal Society on several committees over the years, including membership, and later chairmanship, of the Coelacanth Committee. This post he relished, as the discovery of this unique fish off South Africa in 1938 partly fired his imagination for his chosen career.

Despite retirement from the Natural History Museum in 1989, he continued his work with undiminished vigour. He spent most of his time as an honorary research associate at the J. L. B. Smith Institute of Ichthyology at Rhodes University in South Africa, but maintained his room at the Natural History Museum as a visiting research fellow. Indeed, it was on a brief stopover in London, en route for a teaching course in fish anatomy at the University of Bergen, that he suffered the stroke that caused his death.

While sometimes irascible, Greenwood's forthright nature, rich sense of often lower-deck humour and gift of mimicry contrasted dramatically with his love of art and ballet. He had a complex personality and the ability to convey his enthusiasms to all around him.

He married in 1950 and is survived by his wife Marjorie and four daughters.

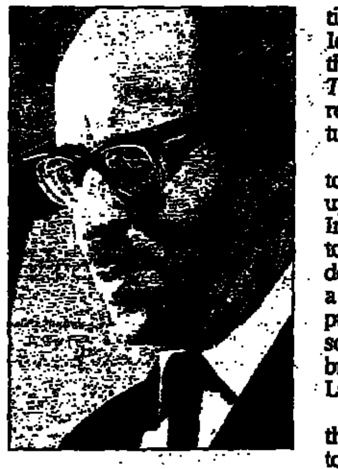
MICHAEL JOSEPH

Michael Joseph, solicitor, died from a heart attack on April 5 aged 59. He was born on August 30, 1935.

MICHAEL JOSEPH was a solicitor with a difference. He devoted the greater part of his professional life to attacking legal wrongs, fiddles and delays in the legal process. He played a key role in a media debate on solicitors and conveyancing, entrenching the reality of other options for consumers.

Anecdotes about him abounded. Colleagues from his ten-year stint in a highly respectable solicitors' office during the more formal 1960s and early 1970s recalled his regular arrival at meetings in motor-cycle gear. If he won some brownie points by disrobing to reveal a suit, he lost them again by greeting clients as they arrived with a raised foot, rather than a handshake.

The Conveyancing Fraud, his first book which came out in 1976, advised buyers to enrol in "Do-It-Yourself" home transfers, bypassing solicitors (Joseph followed his own DIY advice by acting as his own publisher). *Lawyers Can Seriously Damage Your Health*, his second work, applied equal zeal to making lawyers surplus to requirements in personal injury actions, which he depicted as a Kafkaesque quagmire. He was never active as a solicitor again except to offer readers of his first book appropriate free conveyancing advice; but he kept his advocate's hand in with sustained attacks on lawyers through articles in the press and TV and radio appearances. He often found



himself in conflict with the Law Society, the building societies and other stray targets of a combative temperament.

Michael Joseph was born in Beaconsfield, the son of a Jewish antique dealer; he was later to be a freethinker, also keeping clear of political links, despite strong left-wing sympathies. He went to Bryanston School and Queens', Cambridge, where he took a 2.1 in Law. In the Solicitors' Finals he did much better, coming third out of 500 candidates in the Law Society's exams.

For the next ten years he worked at a major firm of West End solicitors but his happily irreverent responses to company clients, and a build-up of disenchantment on his part with formal legal processes, brought about an eventual exit and a claim for unfair dismissal, winning him agreed damages.

He fixed up the printing of his first book and personally biked it round the country. He sold it direct to bookshops, cannily linking it to a "helpline" to readers. At one time he even ran a stall at the Ideal Home Exhibition. All this activity certainly paid off. *The Conveyancing Fraud* was reprinted ten times and eventually sold 70,000 copies.

As a self-appointed adviser to homebuyers, he had to keep up his Law Society certificate. In 1978 he paid only £70 towards a £90 fee for it, deducting £20 for his share in a campaign by the society to push the merits of using a solicitor as conveyancer. That briefly raised a query over his Law Society membership.

A TV commercial argued that a solicitor was more likely to spot a motorway next to the house than a layman. Joseph failed in a High Court action to win leave to sue the Law Society under the Trade Descriptions Act. Another ploy was to stamp any banknotes reaching his hands with the slogan "Stamp out Solicitors", later changed to "Lawyers Can Seriously Damage Your Health", the title of his second book. This led to a police warning not to deface banknotes — his response, typically, was "I didn't agree not to".

Reactions to Joseph varied widely. To the targets of his attacks, he was a wild-eyed zealot whose obsessions called out for psychological treatment. But those who met him as potential allies — whether from the House of Commons or from pressure groups — were struck by his reluctance to embrace easy answers. With time, too, he won praise even from high-ranking lawyers, including judges, for his exactly focused criticisms.

He leaves his widow, Audrey, whom he married in 1964, and three sons.

Church appointments

The Rev John Ablewhite, Priest-in-charge, All Saints, South Lynn (Norwich): to be Vicar, St Luke (New Brompton), Gillingham (Rochester).

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The Rev Christopher Houghton, Curate, St Thomas, Ashton-in-Makerfield: to be Curate, Saints Peter and Paul, Southport (Liverpool).

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Thirty years ago it was suggested that the general practitioner did not have the time or resources to treat patients suffering from a neurotic condition

'G.P. HAS NO TIME TO DEAL WITH NEUROSES'

From Our Medical Correspondent

"Optimal management of neurotic patients by their general practitioners is not possible under the National Health Service," says the assistant director of the Medical Research Council unit for research on the epidemiology of psychiatric illness, in today's issue of *The Practitioner*.

His logic is devastating. It has been estimated that in one year a general practitioner will be consulted for a neurotic illness by 8.9 per cent of all those adults registered with him. In a practice of 2,500 patients, including children, this means about 175 adults. "Suppose five minutes a week were allotted to each of these patients, though this is surely a great underestimate of their needs. Allow a minute between consultations to write notes and usher in the next patient. The practitioner will be occupied for 17½ hours a week, more than the equivalent of the whole of every working afternoon." As is pointed out, it is clearly impossible for the practitioner to give so much of his time.

The position is further complicated by the fact that there is no agreed effective treatment and that "it is becoming increasingly respectable to be diagnosed as suffering from neurosis" . . . On the tendency to treat these neurotic patients with drugs, the article says that "it is doubtful if, had the millions of pounds worth of pills poured down the throats of neurotics consisted of nothing but starch, they would have been any less efficacious. Certainly they would have been much safer."

Why then do doctors continue to prescribe so much? "It is certainly not that they are taken in by the blandishments of manufacturers." It is for the simple reason that some treatment must be given and this almost inevitably involves some form of drug.

"The biggest calamity that could beset general practitioners today," it is claimed, "would be the discovery of an effective but time-consuming method of treating neurosis", because they would feel bound to employ it and consequently would never get through the rest of their work. On the other hand, "the biggest boon would be the production of a potent pill" — but of this there is no sign yet.

The article says the National Health Service is not equipped to provide adequate facilities for the treatment of neurosis. "Perhaps therefore its managers ought to make it plain that the service cannot accept responsibility for this section of illness . . . Yet, in practice, such a disclaimer by the N.H.S. would be impossible . . . so we have to struggle on, practising ineffectively. Until the theoretical understanding of how to treat neurosis is achieved, until there is considerably more money to spend within the N.H.S., the problem of how to manage the mass of neurotic patients known to their doctors cannot be satisfactorily solved."

One gleam of hope in this darkening scene is that a recent study in a Scottish border town indicates that most neurotics get better.

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Widget Finn sees how technology and often simple adaptations to computers or keyboards can give disabled people independence

Smile that says well done, son

JAMES MORGAN

James Sleight, aged seven, on his computer at home in Oxfordshire, watched by his father Neil, founder of a computer company

There is good news in the field of assistive technology which helps disabled people to maximise their abilities. Prices have dropped, making high-tech aids available to more users, claims Paul Hawes of the Foundation for Communications for Disabled People.

"Reading machines and voice recognition programs have been around for some time," says Mr Hawes. "The first character-recognition computer was imported into the UK 12 years ago, but it was the size of a washing machine and at £32,000 the price of a house. Its equivalent today costs £600."

The foundation provides free assessment of technology which will suit an individual's needs. The service is unbiased, says Mr Hawes, with advice ranging from "why not get a loose-leaf photograph book to help with communication" to "you need £8,000-worth of computer system".

New technology has given Barbara Pestell independence. After an accident 18 years ago she is paralysed from the neck down and became totally dependent on other people. When she worked for her Master's degree all her notes had to be dictated to a carer.

Recently Mrs Pestell acquired a voice-activated computer which has transformed her work as a counsellor. She can now ensure complete confidentiality for her clients because she is able to write her own case studies. Mrs Pestell finds that a set of standard headphones is also invaluable for her job. "They give me the privacy to have a telephone conversation without the rest of the household listening in," she says.

High-tech aids costing even a few hundred pounds are beyond the purse of most disabled people and there is little government assistance. Roger Jefcoate, founder of the Aidis Trust, uses his knowledge of grant-making trusts to provide people with much-needed equipment. He specialises in obtaining charitable funds to buy technological aids which will help a disabled person to make the best use of his or her abilities.

Mr Jefcoate also arranges development funding for research into new equipment. Discussions with the Parkinson's Disease Society alerted him to the need for an air mattress which would turn the disabled person automatically, and the funding he secured for development resulted in the Technabed.

Developing assistive technology is expensive. A few commercial companies including Pearl Assurance sponsor research while on the other side of the equation Aspire, the charity which helps people with spinal cord injuries, has launched a £3.4 million appeal to fund a professor in disability and technology.

The newest developments in computer technology are being incorporated into software which helps disabled children to read and write. Oxford Top Class Computers advises parents on appropriate systems and its founder, Neil Sleight, is enthusiastic about a new program which helps children like his son James, who has Down's syndrome. James, aged seven, cannot hold a pencil but the program enables him to draw on the screen with his finger and use a mouse or stylus.

Computers can unlock hidden skills in a disabled child, claims Mr Sleight, whose company recently recommended a scanning device which "talks" for a six-year old with speech problems. The boy is already more adept at the computer than many adults, using the system to suit his own requirements.

Most people have no idea of the potential of a standard computer, says Bill Fine, a consultant at the Computability Centre, which advises disabled people on computer technology. "Keyboards can be reduced in size, computers work at any speed which suits the user and a mouse can be moved by keys for those who cannot grip," he says.

Jill Russell, a policy officer in the Department of Health who had polio, can use only her right hand. She risked permanent injury by trying to operate a computer single-handed until the Computability Centre recommended a customised keyboard and a trackball. "I thought I would just have to cope," she says, "but a free software package and £150 worth of kit made all the difference."

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TOM KIDD

Fashion sense: Barry Kaighin wears a check jacket, jumper and corduroy trousers

Dressed for a smooth ride

Finding suitable and fashionable clothing for life in a wheelchair is not as simple as it sounds. **Heather Kirby** on two firms which can provide a more comfortable life

People who are confined to a wheelchair are as interested in fashion as anybody else. However, dilemmas such as "does this colour suit me?" or "will it go with anything else in my wardrobe?" are easier to resolve than some more practical problems.

For instance, comfortable clothes are important not only for the obvious reasons but also because something which chafes can seriously affect a disabled person's health and therefore their mobility and ultimately their quality of life.

Barry Kaighin, 34, of Wallingford, Oxfordshire, was working for the CBS record company when he crashed his Italian Laverda motorbike seven years ago. The accident left him paralysed from the waist down. "Initially you don't realise you are going to have difficulty with clothes because there are lots of other problems going on in your life at the time. They are the last thing on your mind," he says.

"But when you want to integrate into the real world and try to go shopping, you discover it is not geared to wheelchairs because the aisles are not wide enough and there are too many steps. You also have to face the attitude of shop assistants who talk to your colleague as if you were soft in the head. But that is not people's fault, it's an educational problem. Often people with disabilities are segregated, they go to special schools, so no one has a chance to get used to the idea."

There are 532,000 adults in wheelchairs in Britain according to the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys (OPCS). Two companies lead the field in supplying fashionable outfits, also available by mail order, which are tailored for wheelchair users. Mr Kaighin is now the general manager of Rolli Moden, a German company with a boutique near Heidelberg, where personal shoppers can stay overnight in specially adapted apartments.

"Trousers are a major problem," Mr Kaighin says. "You can get a huge gap at the back which leaves you with "builder's bum", legs which end at half-mast so you look like the Bay City Rollers, or seams that cut into your flesh. In my case, a normal pair of jeans digging into me would cause my body to go into involuntary spasms and I would have to take more pills to reduce them. Since I started wearing trousers with flat seams, my pill intake has dropped dramatically."

> ‘In the rain, people used to cover themselves with bin liners’

Jackets used to cause another sartorial headache because there was too much material; so it ruched at the front, and at the back the length could either be smoothed under the seat causing discomfort or left to bunch up, which was just as bad. New jackets are cropped, jeans have flat seams, no back pocket and elasticated waists, and fabrics are chosen for their softness as well as their style. They also have to be easily washable because one of the perils of getting about in a wheelchair is clothes becoming covered in mud.

The unpredictable weather in Britain used to provide another hazard and Oliver Askaroff, managing director of Simplantex Health Care Ltd, which manufactures a range of outdoor clothing and equipment, is dismissive of the clothing that was once on offer.

"If it was raining people used to have to literally cover themselves by wearing bin liners or, if it was cold, they had towels wrapped round them," he says. "Now we have a brochure with 60 products which help to make their lives easier when they want to go out and about." These include a padded wheelchair liner, a cocoon for braving gale-force winds, ponchos and wheelymacs made out of waxed cotton, as well as cosy hand and foot muffs.

The Rolli Moden catalogue is glossy and the colour photographs as stylish as anything you would see at a major department store. From business suits to suede jackets, they have thought of everything, even specially designed calfskin evening gloves. Turning wheels can cause horrendous finger sores and no one wants to go to a ball wearing weight trainers' gloves.

One school of thought says a disabled person has enough on his or her plate — that fluorescent colours do not help people to fade into the background. The other school says disabled people want to be as fashionable as anybody else, Mr Askaroff says.

It is to the second group that Sheila Gardiner of Ilkley, West Yorkshire, belongs. Mrs Gardiner, 58, was a freelance musician who played the viola until eight years ago when she contracted multiple sclerosis. "I am very interested in fashion and always liked expensive casuals," she says. "I also loved full skirts, the ethnic look, but they are hopeless, they get tangled up with everything and get covered in mud. You can't wear short skirts, they look appalling and if a skirt has an elasticated waist it can ride up but it will never move back down again. Buttons are also a nuisance and I wish jackets had double-ended zips, it's something I complain about all the time.

"You can't wear shoes with heels because they get in the way of the footrest, or lace-ups, which is a pity because I used to like Kickers. I have found some sandals which are attractive and I can just slip my feet into them."

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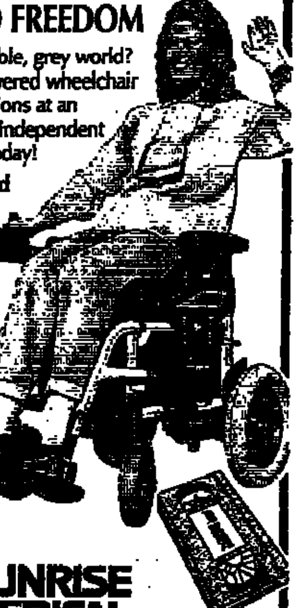

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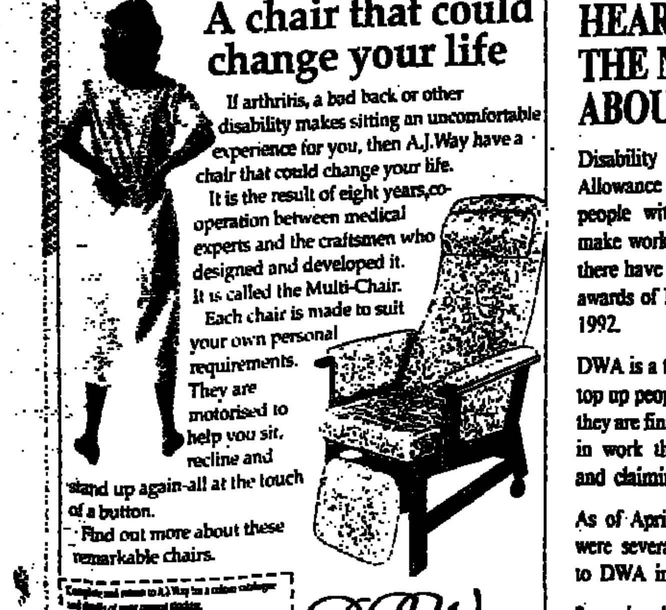

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THE TIMES TODAY

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NEWS

Labour to champion the consumer

■ Fresh policies designed to trumpet Labour as the champion of the consumer will be unveiled today as Tony Blair attempts to follow up his triumph over Clause Four with a programme to appeal to the middle classes.

The Labour leader is to press home his victory over the traditionalists with a policy-making revolution involving widespread consultation outside the party and a further assault on trade union power .... **Page 1**

BBC cuts £20m from programmes

■ The BBC is cutting £20 million from its music , arts and factual programme departments in a move that will see flagship series pruned and entire documentary projects abandoned. Programme makers claimed that the cuts breached promises made earlier this year .... **Page 1**

Duke's declaration

The Duke of Edinburgh said that the extinction of a single species of wild plant or animal life was "far more significant" than the death of a number of individuals of a domestic or wild species not under threat .... **Pages 1, 4**

Bosnia critical

All-out war is looming again in Bosnia after the failure of efforts by the top United Nations envoy to persuade the mainly Muslim Bosnian government to renew its ceasefire .... **Pages 1, 8**

Rail subsidy needed

The Government will be unable to cut the subsidy needed to support the railways for at least five years after privatisation, according to an all-party committee of MPs .... **Page 1**

Major backed

Michael Heseltine scorned suggestions that John Major should submit himself to a leadership election after an expected Conservative rout in the council elections .... **Page 2**

Demystifying juries

Two of the country's leading judicial figures are at loggerheads over proposals to bring the secret workings of the jury room into the open .... **Page 3**

'Foolish' Fry

Stephen Fry has admitted that he feels a fool after his vanishing act from the London stage ..... **Page 3**

Boat theft soars

Police are pressing the Home Office to create a new classification of marine crime to help to combat growing theft from yachts and power boats .... **Page 6**

Aristocratic art

Two Scottish dukes, who between them own some of the finest paintings in Europe, have reopened the fierce debate about a new gallery of Scottish art **Page 6**

Victory revisited

Vietnam's legendary military hero, General Vo Nguyen Giap, victor of Dien Bien Phu, and other communist luminaries reviewed a *colourful victory parade to celebrate the twentieth anniversary* of the "liberation" of Saigon and the reunification of Vietnam .... **Page 7**

Hutus killed on return

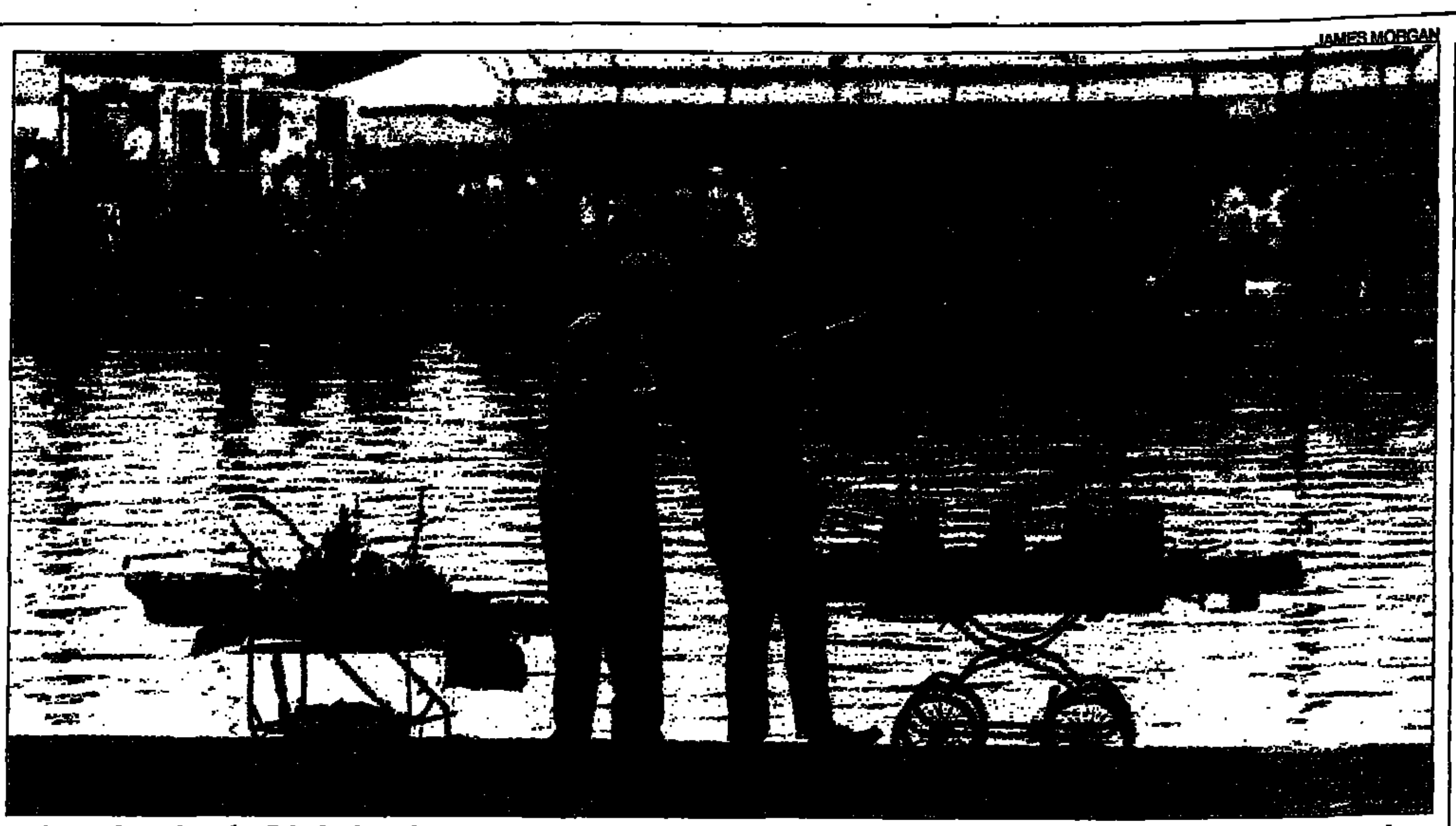
About 14 Hutus were stoned and beaten to death in a village in southern Rwanda after returning home from camps forcibly closed by government troops ...... **Page 7**

Hitler's end

At 2.30pm on April 30, 1945, Sergeant Kantariya of the Soviet Army waved a red banner from the second floor of the Reichstag, Hitler's puppet parliament, in Berlin. One hour later the führer finished lunch in his bunker, ordered Martin Bormann and Josef Goebbels into the passage outside. Moments later there was a single shot .... **Page 11**

Cliffhanger on the bookshelves

■ A price war will break out between Britain's bookshops today when John Le Carré's latest novel *Our Game* goes on sale. Asda, the supermarket group, is promising to sell it at half price, leaving traditional booksellers struggling to compete. *Our Game* is the first popular novel to be published outside the price-fixing mechanism used by major publishers........ **Page 1**



A march against the Criminal Justice Act yesterday disturbed the peace of model boat enthusiasts at Clapham Common, south London. There were minor skirmishes among the 4,000 protesters along the five-mile route, and five people were arrested

BUSINESS

Challenge: Conservative Party funds could be under threat from a legal challenge to corporate donations under consideration by a leading union .... **Page 44**

Prices: Despite the price war between superstores and discount shops, food prices edged up in the first quarter this year for the first time in 2½ years, according to Verdict, an authoritative industry research organisation....... **Page 44**

Closure: The Bank of England is considering closing its five regional branches which would mean the loss of 266 jobs .... **Page 44**

Incentives: The Government launches two initiatives today to foster growth among small business and give firms enhanced access to finance .... **Page 41**

Hockney's new show: In Los Angeles, David Hockney has launched his biggest exhibition for years — partly in response, he says, to the loss of friends who have died of Aids-related illnesses .... **Page 13**

Love in the air: Pop icon Courtney Love has launched her first British tour with her group Hole since the suicide of her husband Kurt Cobain .... **Page 12**

Superb in Sibelius: "I cannot remember hearing a finer live performance of the Sibelius violin concerto," says Hilary Finch of 20-year-old Maxim Vengerov **Page 12**

Celebrity corner: Einstein and Marilyn Monroe return to the London stage in a new production of Terry Johnson's 1982 classic *Insignificance*........ **Page 13**

Priorities: Libby Purves says once you've found your dream home, only two questions matter: how much is it and when do we move in?........ 15

Fame: On the cover of *Melody Maker* this week is a dopey-looking teenager. Soon he could be a superstar. *Giles Coren explains*........ 15

Beached whales: Nick Nuttall reports on why these giant mammals get stranded........ 14

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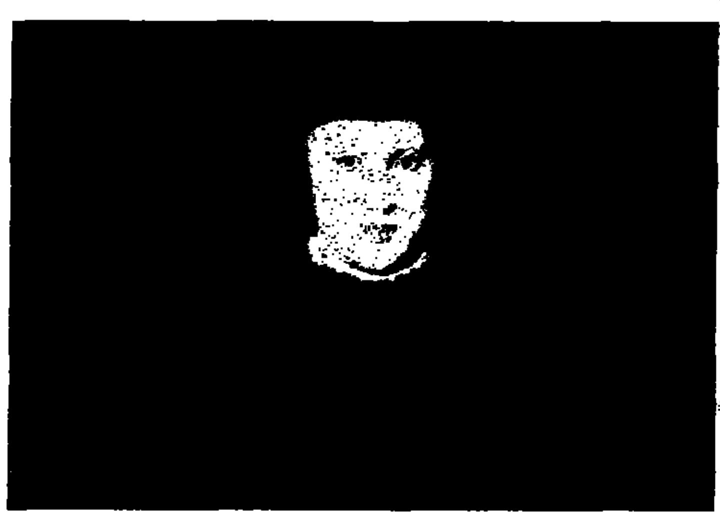

IN THE TIMES

■ **LIGHT AND DARK**
Richard Cork on Sir Ernst Gombrich's show of shadowy masterpieces

■ **TOP DOG?**
Frances Gibb profiles a frontrunner for the Law Society presidency

SPORT

Motor Racing: Damon Hill won the San Marino Grand Prix on the track where his Williams-Renault team colleague Ayrton Senna was killed .... **Page 23**

Cricket: Michael Atherton has been reappointed as England captain for the first three Tests against West Indies but has been put on a tight rein........ **Page 34**

Football: The race for the FA Carling Premiership became more open when Blackburn Rovers lost 2-0 at West Ham .... **Page 27**

Snooker: Stephen Hendry led Nigel Bond by 16 frames to 8 going into the final session of the Embassy world championship ..... **Page 25**

Cricket: Winners in the county championship games that finished yesterday included Surrey, who beat Gloucestershire by 93 runs after following on........ **Page 34**

Already, the fine balance between preservation of domestic tranquillity and protection of civil liberties is in jeopardy. Mr Clinton and many lawmakers appear far too ready to give up liberty to ensure safety
— *The New York Times*

The [Vietnam war] losses were not futile. They were incurred in a larger, ultimately successful cause worth pursuing, if not in that place and in that fashion. Acknowledging that much is owed those who served — *The Washington Post*

TV LISTINGS

Preview: *Outer Limits* (BBC 2, 9pm), the science-fiction and fantasy series popular in the 1960s, returns with a contemporary gloss. **Review:** Lynne Truss welcomes the latest case in the *Prime Suspect* (ITV) series, with Helen Mirren more driven than ever as the detective Jane Tennison........ **Page 43**

OPINION

Pregnant clause

Many in the middle classes now approve of Tony Blair: most see the new Clause Four as a symbol of Labour's desire to change. But symbols do not translate into votes unless backed by clear evidence of a transformation .... **Page 17**

Still divided in Vietnam

Without political change in Hanoi, Vietnam's perestroika will falter: the communist leadership is unwilling to make the political concessions without which there can be no real blossoming of the country's potential........ **Page 17**

And they're off

Our Racing Correspondent has chosen his all-time classic racehorses to run in a dream 2,000 Guineas: who will triumph in this imperious race?........ **Page 17**

COLUMNS

PETER RIDDELL

The Tories do not know what to make of Tony Blair. They keep missing the target. Mr Blair is no miracle worker, and Labour remains vulnerable in several areas. But unless the Tories grasp what he is trying to do, they will not even begin to pull back the political initiative........ **Page 16**

MATTHEW PARRIS

Here's an opportunity for an enterprising British Government: why not create lordships of the manor — legitimately — to sell to Americans?........ **Page 16**

OBITUARIES

Cy Endfield, film director; Andrew Salkey, writer; Michael Joseph, solicitor; Humphry Greenwood, ichthyologist........ **Page 19**

LETTERS

The EU and Britain's loss of sovereignty; dealing with pensions on divorce; civil war in Sudan; cost of healthcare; legal aid .... **Page 17**

NATIONAL LOTTERY

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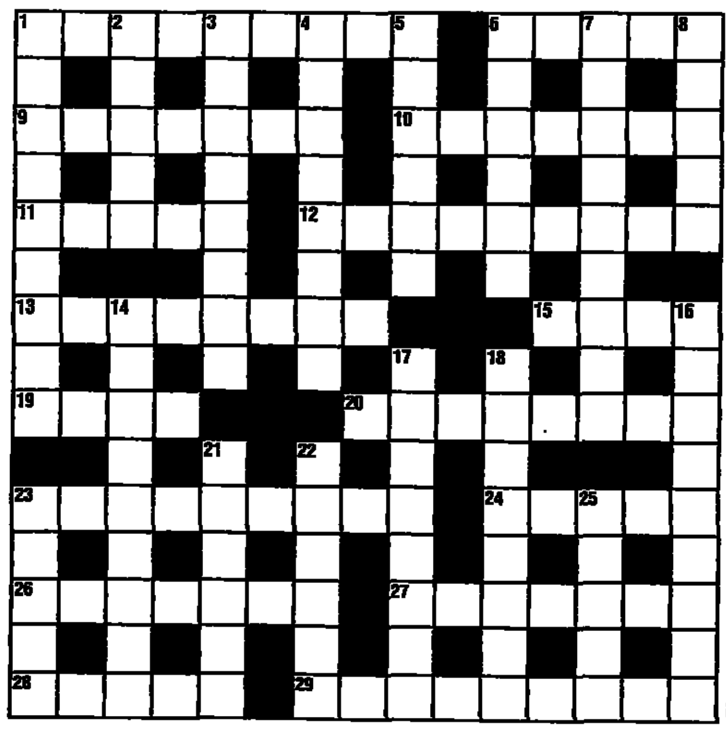

ACROSS

1 Making a negligible amount from pinball (9).
6 To hit back is capital! (5).
9 Once in credit, a quarter get interest (7).
10 Defensive player's gamble with a sovereign (7).
11 When caught, grass — that's the generally accepted rule (5).
12 Fixing up a telephone, phoned in (9).
13 Boring investments for liquid assets (3-5).
15 The birds in a cave see in the dark (4).
19 Laughing at a depressed fence? (4).
20 Undisciplined riders do cause confusion! (8).
23 Cheats on the hard worker in agreement (9).
24 An enormous weight for a man (5).
26 Warm drink .... (7).
27 .... is adequate on a motorway (7).
28 Simple accommodation used by royalty in private (5).
29 Distributing a drug, one's taking chances (9).

DOWN

1 Maintain ministers should set the scene (9).
2 Sort of information serving men are after (5).
3 Round the close, old German city is more fashionable (8).
4 The family have to marry by direct descent (8).
5 Guarantee new nurse will get a key (6).
6 Prepares for the flight (6).
7 Put off punishing deep river work (9).
8 The body language of the uncaring (5).
14 Name this opera and see the female grimace! (9).
16 Foreigners in need of street-guides (9).
17 The underworld bring up appropriate personal property (8).
18 A live lot, fashionable and gay (8).
21 There's firm support for modern office gadgetry (6).
22 The Right were in poor shape, so complained (6).
23 Plants making a show in the Channel Isles (5).
25 For a sailing man to enter overmuch is not on (5).

KNOCKANDO

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,842 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a fine leather credit card wallet.

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Salcombe, Devon, 0.25in; highest sunshine: Lerwick, Shetland, 10.5hr.

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☐ **General:** England and Wales will have a dry day after early mist and fog have cleared, and there will be good spells of sunshine. With light winds, this will make it a little warmer than yesterday. Sea breezes will keep coasts a bit cooler.

Much of Scotland and Northern Ireland will also be dry and warm, with the best sunshine in the east and in the lee of high ground. Shetland may be wet at first and western districts may be more cloudy. It will be breezy in the west.

☐ **London, SE England, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Central N England:** early mist or fog, then sunny spells. Wind south or southeast, mainly light. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, Isle of Man:** coastal mist at first, then some sunshine. Wind south or southeast, mainly moderate. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **E Anglia, E England, NE England:** sunny spells after early mist or fog. Wind southeast, mainly light. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney:** dry, sunny spells after early mist. Wind mainly south, light or moderate. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** rather cloudy, some sunny intervals. Wind south or southeast, moderate or fresh. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Shetland:** early rain, then bright or sunny intervals. Wind south, moderate or fresh. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Outlook:** perhaps some showery outbreaks in the west late tomorrow or on Wednesday, but otherwise dry and warm with sunny spells. Mist and patchy fog are likely overnight.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Aberdeen	8.6	-	10	50	s	Liverpool	3.3	-	11	52	r
Anglesey	1.6	0.02	11	52	r	London	0.3	-	12	54	du
Aspatria	4.4	-	13	55	c	Lowestoft	5.7	-	11	52	s
Aviemore	9.7	-	13	55	s	Manchester	3.0	-	11	52	c
Belfast	-	0.02	11	52	r	Margate	0.2	-	12	54	du
Birmingham	2.1	-	11	52	du	Morecambe	1.7	-	13	55	du
Bognor R	0.8	-	12	54	du	Newcastle	3.2	-	9	48	s
Bournem'th	-	-	13	55	c	Norwich	X				
Buxton	2.9	-	9	48	du	Nottingham	X				
Cardiff	0.5	0.01	10	50	d	Oxford	2.5	-	11	52	c
Clacton	-	-	9	48	c	Penzance	0.8	0.23	14	57	d
Cleethorpes	-	-	10	50	c	Plymouth	-	0.13	12	54	r
Colwyn Bay	2.3	0.01	12	54	sh	Poole	0.2	-	14	57	c
Cromer	0.4	-	10	50	c	Prestatyn	2.0	-	12	54	c
Doncaster	0.5	-	11	52	c	Ross-o-wye	2.1	-	11	52	du
Dunbar	X					Ryde	-	-	12	54	c
Eastbourne	0.6	0.05	11	52	r	Salcombe	-	0.25	13	55	d
Edinburgh	8.8	-	12	54	b	Sandown	-	0.02	12	54	r
Eskdalemuir	1.2	-	9	48	b	Saunton Snd	-	0.21	12	54	d
Exmouth	0.5	0.11	11	52	fg	Scarboro'	5.8	-	9	48	s
Falmouth	X	0.22	14	57	b	Scilly Isles	1.7	0.12	14	57	b
Fishguard	-	0.08	11	52	r	Shanklin	-	0.02	11	52	du
Folkestone	0.2	-	11	52	c	Shrewsbury	1.9	-	11	52	c
Glasgow	8.4	-	12	54	c	Skegness	0.6	-	10	50	c
Guernsey	2.4	0.10	15	59	b	Southend	X	-	10	50	du
Hastings	0.3	0.05	10	50	r	Southport	3.2	-	12	54	c
Hayling I.	0.7	0.01	12	54	du	Southsea	0.5	-	X	X	c
Herne Bay	-	-	11	52	du	Stornoway	4.5	-	11	52	s
Hove	1.2	-	12	54	du	Swanage	0.2	-	12	54	c
Hunstanton	-	-	11	52	du	Teignmouth	-	0.14	11	52	d
Ilfracombe	-	-	10	50	d	Tenby	-	0.08	10	50	d
Isle of Man	2.1	0.01	10	50	r	Tiree	-	0.01	9	48	r
Jersey	1.3	0.22	15	59	r	Torquay	-	0.15	12	54	sh
Kinloss	8.8	-	13	55	s	Tynemouth	X				
Leeds	1.0	-	11	52	b	Ventnor	-	0.01	12	54	c
Lerwick	10.5	-	8	46	s	West-s-mare	X				
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These are Saturday's figures

ABROAD

Ajaccio	18	64 s	C'phagn	11	52 f	Majorca	20	68 s	Rome	18	64 f
Akrotiri	22	72 s	Corfu	23	73 s	Malaga	20	68 s	Salzburg	15	59 c
Alex'dria	23	73 s	Dublin	17	63 f	Malta	19	66 c	S F'risco	16	61 r
Algiers	23	73 s	Dubrovnik	19	66 s	Melb'rne	15	59 r	Santiago	19	66 c
Amst'dm	12	54 f	Faro	25	77 f	Mexico C	23	73 s	S Paulo	27	81 f
Athens	24	75 s	Florence	14	57 f	Miami	24	75 r	Seoul	25	77 s
Bahrain	32	90 s	Frankfurt	15	59 c	Milan	19	66 f	Sing'por	30	86 f
Bangkok	36	97 s	Funchal	20	68 f	Montreal	11	52 s	St'kholm	4	39 f
Barbados	29	84 s	Geneva	13	55 f	Moscow	7	45 c	Strasb'rg	13	55 r
Barcelona	17	63 s	Gibraltar	19	66 s	Munich	11	52 c	Sydney	24	75 f
Beirut	20	68 f	Helsinki	3	37 h	Nairobi	21	70 c	Tangier	26	79 s
Belgrade	21	70 s	Hong K	29	84 f	Naples	15	59 r	Tel Aviv	27	81 s
Berlin	15	59 s	Innsbrck	16	61 f	N Delhi	38	10 s	Tenerife	25	77 s
Bermuda	21	70 c	Istanbul	21	70 s	N York	17	63 f	Tokyo	22	72 f
Biarritz	18	64 s	Jeddah	36	97 s	Nice	17	63 f	Toronto	10	50 c
Borde'x	19	66 s	Karachi	35	95 s	Oslo	9	48 f	Tunis	21	70 c
Brussels	10	50 c	L Palmas	21	70 s	Paris	14	57 s	Valencia	22	72 s
Budapest	23	73 f	Le Touqt	12	54 f	Peking	26	79 s	Vanc'ver	14	57 f
B Aires	21	70 s	Lisbon	22	72 s	Perth	18	64 c	Venice	18	64 s
Cairo	30	86 s	Locarno	16	61 f	Prague	16	61 f	Vienna	18	64 s
Cape Tn	27	81 s	L Angels	20	68 s	Reykjavik	4	39 f	Warsaw	12	54 s
Chicago	13	55 c	Luxembg	11	52 r	Rhodes	22	72 s	Wash'ton	22	72 s
Ch'church	9	48 -	Luxor	42	10 s	Rio de J	30	86 s	Wel'ngton	11	52 c
Cologne	13	55 f	Madrid	23	73 s	Riyadh	31	88 s	Zurich	14	57 s

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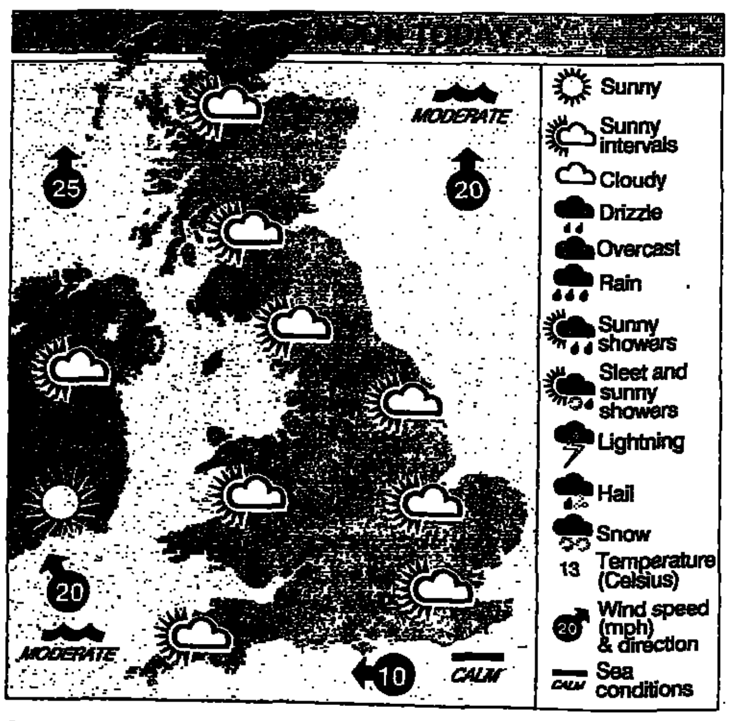

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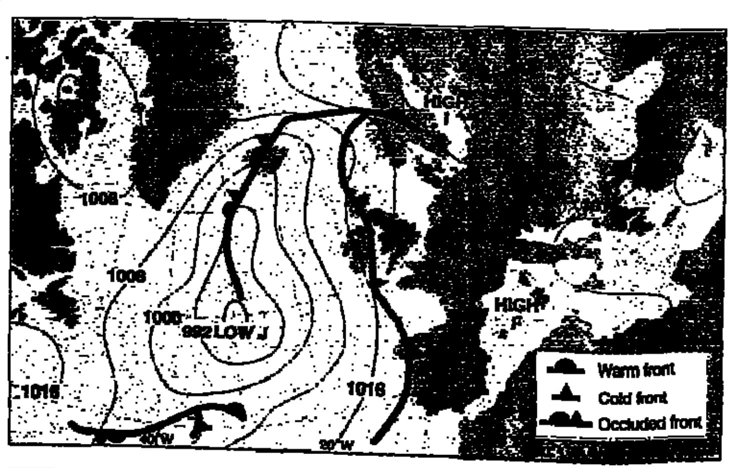

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Aberdeen	2:00	3.99	2:17	4.03	Liverpool	-	-	0:05	9.05
Avonmouth	8:02	12.95	8:15	13.04	Lowestoft	10:10	2.37	10:26	2.33
Belfast	11:57	3.35	-	-	Margate	0:48	4.59	1:02	4.61
Cardiff	7:59	12.01	8:14	12.01	Milford Haven	7:02	6.65	7:15	6.66
Devonport	6:31	5.21	6.44	5.29	Newquay	5.48	6.66	6.05	6.68
Dover	11:59	6.43	-	-	Oban	6:26	3.83	6.33	3.85
Dublin	0.13	3.96	0:30	3.92	Penzance	5:25	5.16	5:43	5.18
Falmouth	5:55	4.98	6:15	5.11	Portland	7:31	1.98	7:49	2.01
Glasgow	1:22	4.78	1:48	4.55	Portsmouth	-	-	0:15	4.49
Harwich	0:29	3.88	0:47	3.89	Shoreham	-	-	0:18	5.96
Holyhead	11:05	5.26	11:20	5.31	Southampton	11:36	4.37	11:50	4.42
Hull	7:04	7.22	7:20	7.18	Swansea	7:10	9.24	7:22	9.22
Ilfracombe	6:49	8.71	7:01	8.73	Tees	4:21	5.10	4:38	5.06
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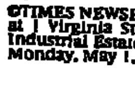

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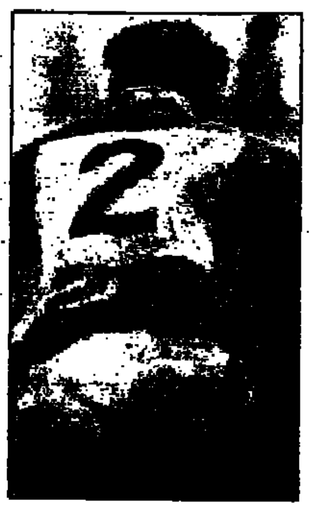
RUGBY LEAGUE

31 Runaway Wigan still in a league of their own

RUGBY UNION



33 Moore turns his back on league scene

CRICKET

34 Captain Atherton forced to toe the line

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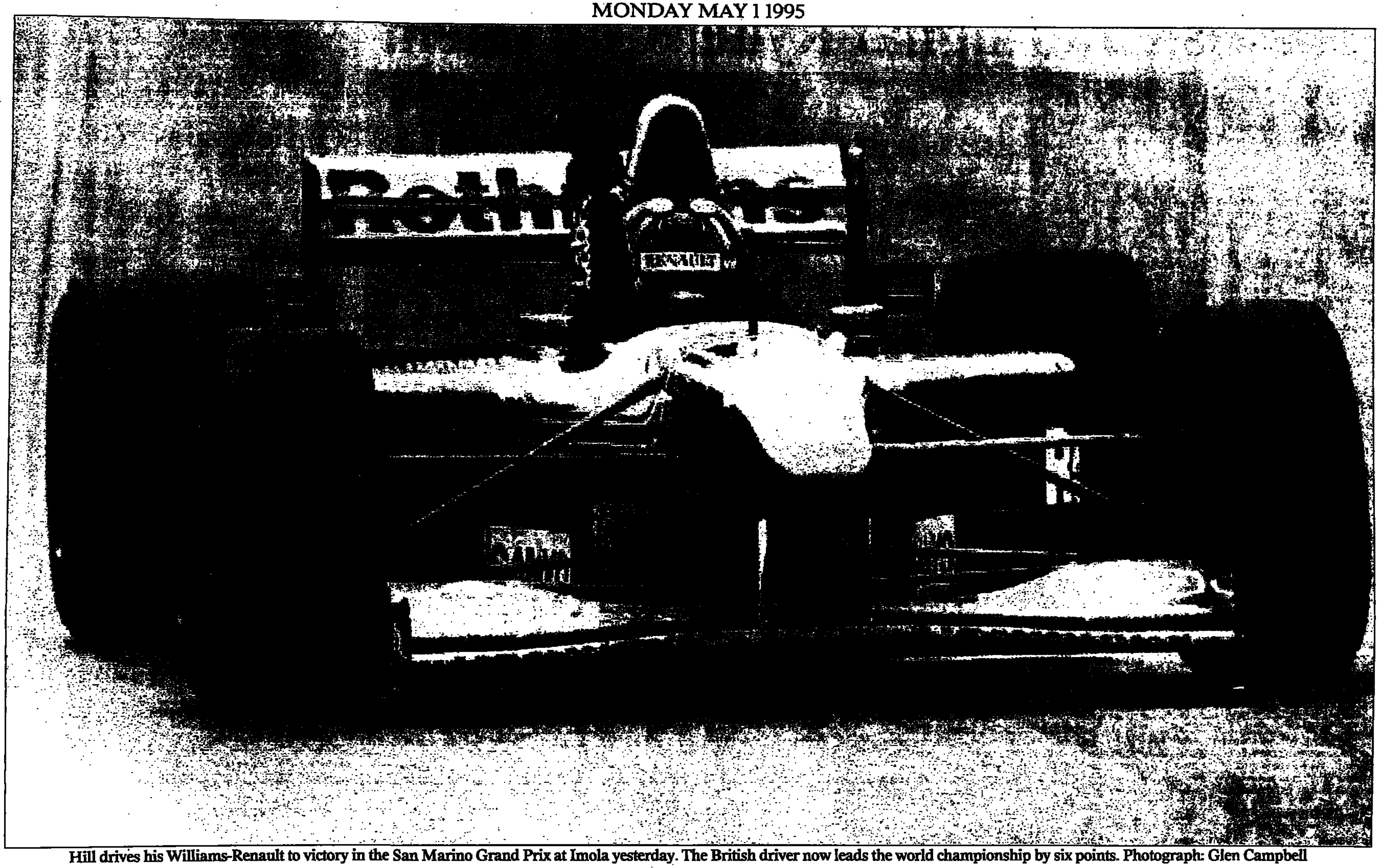


Hill drives his Williams-Renault to victory in the San Marino Grand Prix at Imola yesterday. The British driver now leads the world championship by six points. Photograph: Glen Campbell

'It was a good race, I think Ayrton would have approved'

Hill provides fitting epitaph

From Oliver Holt
in San Marino

ONE by one, they forced their way through the mass of photographers and camera crews and took their place in the small circle of drivers standing silently at the front of the grid. Damon Hill stared straight ahead, Gerhard Berger bowed his head and closed his eyes and Nigel Mansell stood stock still. Beside them, one of the photographers wept.

Behind them, the track stretched out like a dark tunnel to the Tamburello Corner, where Ayrton Senna was killed in last year's San Marino Grand Prix. They remembered him and Roland Ratzenberger for a minute that seemed like an hour. Then, their emotions churning, they went back to work.

The men who had been confronted by the evidence of their own mortality when two of their colleagues were killed this time last year, produced a race of rare intensity and excitement yesterday. The cycle that began here a year ago is over and this was a joyful catharsis.

If last year's race was cursed, this one was blessed. Not just because it provided a feast of close racing but because it was won by Hill, Senna's team-mate. Others drove fine races too, but Hill bore the brunt of the shock that affected the Williams team last year and it seemed fitting that he should exorcise some of the ghosts with a storybook victory.

He won by more than 18 seconds from the Ferrari of Jean Alesi after Michael Schumacher had crashed out of the race on the tenth lap. Hill drove a flawless, patient race that emphasised his growing confidence and maturity. He struggled to find the words to express his feelings immediately afterwards but later they came in a flood.

"I was very emotional in the car at the end of the race," Hill said, "because soon after you cross the finish line you go past the place where Ayrton had his accident. You feel the elation from winning because there is so much emotional pressure to win the race and so much concentration.

"But you look across and you see the picture of Ayrton on the wall at the spot where he crashed and you remember all the things that happened last year and how things have changed in the sport. It is like mountains and valleys. The highs and the lows are very, very distinct.

"If you want to win too much, you cramp your style a bit, so I was pacing myself over the weekend and trying to keep myself in check. I was able to keep the terrible times of last year out of my mind most of the time and get on with the job. I think it was a good race and I think Ayrton would have approved of it."

The win, his second in succession and his eleventh overall, took him to the top of the drivers' championship for the first time in his short Formula One career. Hill leads Schumacher and Alesi by six points. After a difficult weekend, confidence is coursing through the Williams team again and they are equal with Ferrari at the top of the constructors' championship.

Schumacher blamed his spectacular crash on a recently fitted set of slick tyres that destabilised the back end of his car on a damp track. His Benetton-Renault twitched to the right as he crested the brow of a hill approaching Piratella at 150mph, spun into a concrete wall ripping off two tyres and then hurtled backwards into the tyre barriers. The reigning world champion was shaken but unhurt.

His premature exit left Berger, who had started from the front row of the grid, with a ten-second lead over Hill. As the Englishman closed on him, Hill, in turn, was being pressured by David Coulthard, his team-mate, and behind him, Alesi was trying everything he knew to pass the Scot. It was thrilling stuff.

Berger's race was ruined on the 22nd lap when he stalled his Ferrari at a pit stop and emerged more than 40 seconds behind Hill. Coulthard, in second place, conducted a desperate but highly skilful defensive battle with Alesi, blocking him legitimately at every turn. On one occasion, coming into the remodelled Tamburello, the two actually touched wheels.

Eventually, Coulthard appeared to have exhausted Alesi's challenge and concentrated his energy on the pursuit of Hill. But, on the 29th lap, Coulthard spun on the greasy surface and lost his momentum. Five laps later, he was given a ten-second stop and go penalty for speeding in the pit lane and his challenge was effectively over. He finished fourth, behind Berger.

Nigel Mansell's comeback with McLaren-Mercedes finished in disappointment after a probable place in the points ended in a collision with Eddie Irvine's Jordan-Peugeot.

Afterwards, Alesi, not a driver renowned for his timidity or lack of aggression on the track, attacked Coulthard's tactics. "I have had good battles with lots of other drivers," Alesi said. "But Coulthard is the most incorrect driver I have ever known. I hate it when people zigzag and it is indefensible early in the race."

Coulthard responded with characteristic calm before marching up to the Ferrari motorhome to confront his accuser. "I much prefer to discuss things face-to-face," he said. "I have had a conversation with Jean which, I think, has resolved the matter and we go forward from here."

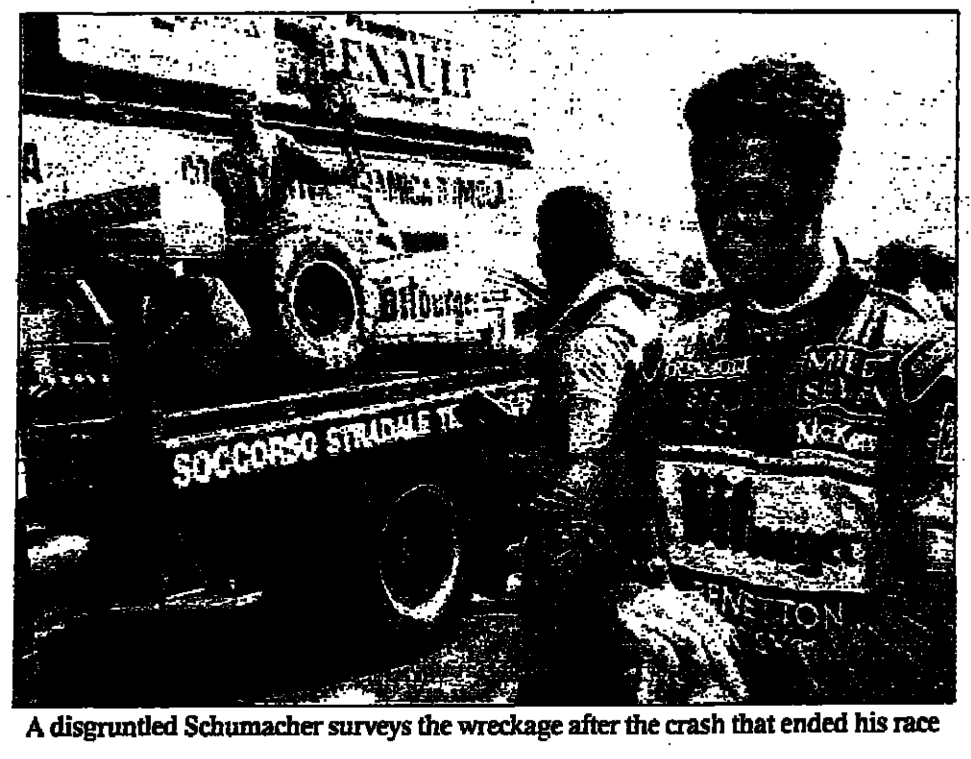
On the track, hordes of Ferrari devotees swarmed happily over the hallowed ground. Imola had always been a race eagerly anticipated by everyone until this year. Now, it will be again.

DETAILS

Results: 1, D Hill (GB, Williams-Renault) 1hr 41min 42.552sec (109.153mph); 2, J Alesi (Fr, Ferrari) at 18.510sec; 3, G Berger (Austria, Ferrari) at 43.116sec; 4, D Coulthard (GB, Williams-Renault) at 51.890sec; 5, M Hakkinen (Fin, McLaren-Mercedes); 6, H-H Frentzen (Ger, Sauber-Ford Zetec) both at one lap; 7, J Herbert (GB, Benetton-Renault); 8, E Irvine (Ire, Jordan-Peugeot); 9, O Panis (Fr, Ligier-Mugen Honda); 10, N Mansell (GB, McLaren-Mercedes) all at two laps; 11, A Suzuki (Japan, Ligier-Mugen Honda) three laps; 12, P Martini (It, Minardi-Ford); 13, G Morbidelli (It, Footwork-Hart); 14, L Badoer (It, Minardi-Ford) all at four laps; 15, P Paulo Diniz (Br, Forti-Ford); 16, R Moreno (Br, Forti-Ford) both at seven laps. Fastest lap: Berger, 1min 29.568sec (118.046mph).

Drivers' championship: 1, Hill 20pts; equal 2, M Schumacher (Ger) and Alesi 14; equal 4, Coulthard and Berger 9; 6, Hakkinen 5; equal 7, Herbert and Frentzen 3; 9, M Blundell (GB) 1.

Constructors' championship: equal 1, Williams-Renault and Ferrari 23pts; 3, Benetton-Renault 7; 4, McLaren-Mercedes 6; 5, Sauber-Ford 3.



A disgruntled Schumacher surveys the wreckage after the crash that ended his race

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Watson keeps Eurosport in pole position

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TV ACTION REPLAY

ALL Formula One fans can tell you exactly where they were when Ayrton Senna was killed. They were at home, watching it on television. From Murray Walker's first cry of alarm, to the moment the BBC director decided enough was enough and switched to the pit-lane, the pictures relayed by the Italian host broadcaster remain the most harrowing and disturbing ever seen in a sports broadcast.

And also, inevitably, the most memorable. For those equipped to receive Eurosport, nobody will forget the scenes the satellite channel rightly continued to show long after the BBC had turned away. The ambulances, the activity, the endlessly circling television helicopter and the quiet, sensitive commentary of John Watson, who calmly and intelligently talked on as his colleague and friend lay dying.

Thankfully, as the motor racing world took a deep breath and waited for this year's San Marino Grand Prix to get underway, neither channel ran replays of Senna's accident, or that of Roland Ratzenberger. Both, however, appeared be taken a little by surprise by the drivers' silent tribute that preceded yesterday's race. For one ghastly moment, I thought Walker was going to discuss grid positions as the rest of Imola fell silent. But quickly he realised what was happening and fell silent too.

Then, as heads were raised and caps replaced, it was time to move on. It was the first European grand prix of the season and the first opportunity to judge the investment that both channels have made in Formula One this year. On the track it was Schumacher versus Hill, on the television it was Walker versus Watson.

For the true race enthusiast, Eurosport has the edge, not least because of its coverage of the qualifying sessions and the race-day warm-up. Not that this guarantees good television. Saturday's qualifying session was about exciting as the Crucible Theatre without Jimmy White. Then there is the channel's annoying habit of taking commercial breaks during the race. Anyone wondering what happened to David Coulthard's challenge would have been very puzzled if they were watching Eurosport. On BBC, we saw his spin about a dozen times.

Behind the lip-mikes, Eurosport's new partnership of Watson and Ben Edwards appears to be bedding down well, with Edwards content to play a restrained second fiddle to his articulate senior partner. Both, however, need to polish up their presentation skills if they are to justify the expense of the channel's own camera, another of this year's innovations.

Mindful, perhaps, of Walker's individual style in front of a camera, the BBC had flown out Steve Rider to smooth its own presentation. Rider, however, quickly discovered why Walker has spent a lifetime shouting into a microphone he holds with one hand while clapping the other over an ear. Formula One is very noisy.

Alongside Walker in the BBC commentary box, Jonathan Palmer is growing in stature. He will never have the charisma of James Hunt, but in terms of technical and tactical insight, he is beginning to cut into the lead that Watson has established for Eurosport. Nevertheless, it was the Eurosport boys who were first to spot who was starting on slick tyres rather than wets.

Both channels took race pictures provided by their Italian host broadcaster. Inevitably, the director supplied more footage of Ferraris than the BBC might have liked. In fact, if Damon Hill had not taken the lead, we might never have seen him at all.

Finally, spare a time-delayed thought for the BBC, whose coverage of the world snooker championship ended last night. Its practice of using recordings, rather than live action, meant that Stephen Hendry's 147 break was shown a good hour after news bulletins reported it. How David Vine kept a straight face, I shall never know.

Spanish duo signal Ryder Cup intent

Smiles all round as Olazábal, left, and Ballesteros congratulate each other after winning the Paris Open pairs tournament yesterday

THE heavens relented, and the aristocratic bloodlines prevailed. Thus went the final day of the Tournoi Perrier de Paris golf tournament yesterday, when a rousing challenge from a pair of Australian bounty hunters was unable to claim the heads of Severiano Ballesteros and José Maria Olazábal, who produced their best when it was needed to win with a total of 256, 24 under par.

It was the first day that the tournament had not been stricken by rain, and it was all the better for it. There were even brief glimpses of the sun, a luxury that has been rarely enjoyed in soggy France these last ten days.

The hint of warmth on backs was the incentive for Mike Clayton and Peter O'Malley to fight for Antipodean honour on the second day that this pairs tournament had been played as a four-ball, the second and third days having been devoted to foursomes and greensomes.

FINAL SCORES

GB and Ireland unless stated

256: S Ballesteros and J M Olazábal (Sp) 63, 67, 64, 62. 259: M Clayton and P O'Malley (Aus) 66, 70, 63, 60. 260: C Montgomerie and I Woosnam 64, 65, 67, 64. 262: G Levenson and I Palmer (SA) 66, 66, 70, 60, D Clarke and P McGinley 63, 69, 68, 62. 264: P Eales and R Claydon 63, 74, 66, 61, P Broadhurst and R McFarlane 63, 71, 67, 63; M Mackenzie and D Ray 63, 69, 68, 64; I Pyman and S Cage 63, 69, 65, 67. 265: F Cupillard and F Tarnaud (Fr) 61, 72, 70, 62, I Garrido and M Martin (Sp) 67, 68, 68, 62; R Alvarez and J Coceres (Arg) 66, 66, 69, 64; R Burns and C Mason 63, 68, 69, 65. 266: F Andersson (Swe) and J Cambon (Fr) 67, 70, 67, 62; J Bland and J Hawkes (SA) 65, 70, 68, 63; J Carriles and J Piñero (Sp) 67, 66, 66, 67

The four-ball format is one that can produce spectacular scoring, and so it was as Clayton and O'Malley strung together a remarkable run in which they had eight birdies in nine holes from the 4th. The sole par in that sequence was at the 9th, and when they birdied the 12th they were only two strokes behind the Spanish favourites.

It was as close as they were to get, but by the end they had covered the last 36 holes in 17 under par, and much more than that could not be expected from any men, especially when chasing such luminaries as Ballesteros and Olazábal.

The Australians had ten birdies in their final better-ball round of 60, jointly the best of the day, but they had left themselves just too much to do on the last two days. They finished three behind, a shot in front of the fast-finishing Ian Woosnam — who pitched in from 50 yards for an eagle three on the 17th — and Colin Montgomerie.

The man cleaning the cars being displayed by one of the tournament sponsors was completing his job for what must have been the twentieth time in the week when Ballesteros and Olazábal set off on the last round. Up to then, the appearance of a chamois leather had been infallibly the signal for the clouds to burst again. This time, the one-man vehicle-lustre finishing department got away with it.

He did his job with considerable pride, and out on the venerable Saint Cloud acres, exactly similar qualities were being displayed by Ballesteros and Olazábal. They have been beaten only twice as a pairing in 15 matches in the Ryder Cup, and afterwards Ballesteros admitted that their record in the competition had been an added incentive for them to do well here.

"We didn't play here only to win, but for our prestige," he said. "It is important that we still have people's respect. We have to go on proving that we are a good team every time we play."

Was he obliquely referring to the Americans, somebody asked? He was, and the message was not oblique but sharp and to the point. "Send a fax immediately," he said. "Tell them we want the Cup back as soon as possible — and we're ready."

They completed this final, triumphant lap in 62 with Ballesteros holing five shot-gaining putts and Olazábal three, but on a couple of occasions one beat the other to the birdie by only a matter of seconds.

The Spanish pair were the favourites when they arrived at Saint Cloud this week, and before the third round was completed the trophy and its £70,000 had their names on it. The race does not always go to the swiftest, human frailty sees to that. This time class and experience brought its deserved reward.

And as Ballesteros observed: "I guess this proves we're still a good team."

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Samaranch may retain job

FROM DAVID MILLER IN ATLANTA

SENIOR members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), alarmed by clandestine feuding between rivals to succeed Juan Antonio Samaranch as president, are attempting to persuade him to continue in office beyond his intended retirement in 1997.

There is the prospect of a political war among several of the ambitious candidates for the most powerful position in sport. Elder figures such as Keba M'Baye, of Senegal, the retired international judge, and Marc Hodler, the head of international skiing, both too old for office, consider that an extension of Samaranch's tenure, which is already 15 years, is the one way to preserve stability between rival power bases of leading international federations, such as athletics (Primo Nebiolo), football (João Havelange), the Association of National Olympic Committees (Mario Vazquez Rana), and the financial inside track held by Richard Pound, of Canada.

However, younger members are alarmed at the prospect of an aging Samaranch, already 75, continuing until he would be 81. There is the belief that younger leadership is necessary for a complex organisation about to move into the 21st century.

An extension for Samaranch will require a constitutional change in the IOC charter, which has an arbitrary age limit of 75, reached by Samaranch this year. Raising the limit to 78, at either the session in Budapest this year or at the Olympic Games in Atlanta next year, would make Samaranch eligible for re-election in 1997.

"I'm not wholly convinced," Samaranch said. "Many are pushing me. The unity between federations is not easy, and will be difficult for another president to maintain." Significantly, he added: "In a few years, there will have been changes at the top in some federations."

Equally significant, by 2001, other candidates will have emerged as potential IOC leader, notably Jacques Rogge, 52, the Belgian Olympic yachtsman, who is president of European NOCs. So obvious is his worth that others were attempting to block his promotion at the centenary Olympic congress last year.

A casualty of the feuding has been Andrew Napier, the IOC's inaugural director of public relations. Worried about the Englishman's supposed allegiance to certain individuals, and his high profile, others have helped persuade Samaranch to close the department and divide public relations among five IOC staff.

Barcelona run away with victory

London Monarchs........24
Barcelona Dragons......39

BY RICHARD WETHERELL

OLD failings and old faces combined to condemn the London Monarchs to their third defeat in four games in the World League of American Football yesterday.

Last week, against the Amsterdam Admirals, they were unable to stop Ralph Dawkins from running the ball; this time, a combination of Ricky Blake, who played in the World League for the San Antonio Riders in 1991 and 1992, and Lindsay Chapman kept the Monarchs' defense on the back foot.

The two running backs combined for more than 100 yards as the Barcelona Dragons led 12-7 at half-time and then, with London concentrating their efforts on containing the visitors' running game, Barcelona were also able to put their passing to good use. A returning Dragon, Demitrius Davis, made nine receptions, often at crucial stages, while two long-range touchdown receptions in the third quarter ensured the Monarchs' defeat. Tyree Davis scored from 69 yards out and Mario Henry from 43 yards.

The Monarchs replied with two touchdowns of their own, a 54-yard effort from Alan Allen and a two-yard run from Tony Brooks, but, with Barcelona kicking two field goals, they were still 24-32 behind.

The decisive blow came in the final two minutes. A touchdown and a successful two-point conversion would have levelled the scores, but, deep in his own half, Brad Johnson, the Monarchs' quarterback, was hit as he threw and the Dragons recovered the ball. Soon after, Chapman completed the scoring.

With Amsterdam's comfortable 31-0 victory against the Scottish Claymores at Murrayfield, yesterday, their fourth win out of four means that their first half of the season cannot be bettered and they will host the World Bowl in June.

SPORT IN BRIEF

England complete double triumph

ENGLAND'S triumphant record in the European team squash championships continued impeccably at the Frans Otten Stadion in Amsterdam yesterday with a 4-0 win over Finland in the men's final and a 3-0 win over Holland in the women's final (Colin McQuillan writes). English superiority was further demonstrated by the fact that both titles were won without dropping a rubber and with the two top-ranked players, Peter Marshall and Suzanne Horner, absent.

Other British men's teams fared less well, however. Sweden took the men's bronze, with Wales beating France only on games-countback yesterday for fifth place. Scotland finished seventh and Ireland tenth. Scotland's women took the bronze medal for the first time in a decade, but Ireland could manage only eighth place and Wales, thirteenth.

Villepreux steps in

RUGBY UNION: Pierre Villepreux ran a final rule over England at Twickenham yesterday as the clock ticks down before departure for the World Cup in South Africa on May 17 (David Hands writes). The French coach, who took one of the sessions at Marlow last autumn, worked with England's backs, with the exception of Ian Hunter, of Northampton, who was unable to train because of a back injury.

"We need to move the ball faster and with more purpose," Jack Rowell, the manager, said. Kyran Bracken, the scrum half, who missed Bristol's match on Saturday and has not played since March 18, took part, but Jason Leonard, the loose-head prop, stood down after straining a hamstring during Harlequins' vital league win over Gloucester.

Corsie regains trophy

BOWLS: Richard Corsie, right, from Scotland, recaptured the International Jack High title in Manly, Australia, yesterday. Corsie, the winner in 1993, won a semi-final against Ian Schuback, the former world indoor champion, to reach the final against Cameron Curtis, who beat fellow Australian Steve Glasson 9-7, 2-9, 9-4. Corsie won the first set 9-4 and, four ends later, completed an easy victory by taking the second set 9-0.

Indio keep Cairo Cup

POLO: Lucas White's squad, Indio, the previous holders of the Cairo Cup, a Cowdray Park trophy, carried it off at Ambersham, Sussex, again yesterday, with a 6-4 victory against Graffham, the quartet put together by David Jamison and Neill McLean. Indio trounced Westsphere, 13-1, in the semi-finals on Saturday. The Wade twins, Jonnyand Adrian, played in opposing No 2 positions.

Lumley powers to title

REAL TENNIS: Penny Lumley, the former world champion, won the Oracle British women's open championship with a commanding performance against Sally Jones, the world champion. Despite dropping the opening two games, Lumley began to impose her immaculate length and fine retrieving skills. Although Jones went for her shots in a string of spirited rallies, Lumley's power proved decisive.

Brookes oust Blues

ROWING: Oxford University, with five Blues on show, won four events at Wallingford Regatta on Saturday but were overshadowed by their neighbours, Oxford Brookes, whose coach, Richard Spratley, shuffled 14 athletes to win the top three eights events, humbling school crews from Eton and Hampton. Bedford won the leading women's events but were pushed hard by Wallingford, who entered 35 crews.

Marsal extends record

CYCLING: Cathy Marsal, right, the 1990 world champion from France, added the women's hour record to her collection of titles on Saturday after covering 47.112 kilometres at the velodrome in Bordeaux. Marsal, 24, added 760 metres to the record set by Jeannie Longo, her compatriot, in October 1989 in Mexico City. The men's world record of 55.291 kilometres was also set in Bordeaux, by Tony Rominger, of Switzerland.

Clark may pull out

MOTOR RALLYING: Roger Clark and his son, Matthew Clark, may pull out of the London to Mexico rally after Clark Sr had to tow his son into Ascuncion, Paraguay, yesterday after his Ford Escort blew a second head gasket in as many days on the stage from Londrina. With only one spare cylinder head left between them, it is unlikely either driver will start the 781-mile stage to Ju Juy in Argentina.

Record shot away

RIFLE SHOOTING: The English XX Club, from which the England shooting teams are selected, were in record-breaking form on Saturday when they beat teams from the RAF, Scotland and Wales. The England team set a new record of 2,057 for a team of 20 shooting under home international short range conditions. Dominic Harvey and Mike Cosway both made the highest possible score of 105.

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Bond left with formidable last-session task in world championship final

Hendry closes in on fifth world title in six years

By Phil Yates

AS STEPHEN HENDRY began the concluding session of the Embassy world snooker championship final against Nigel Bond at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, last night, it appeared more a matter of when, not if, he would capture the game's premier title for the fifth time in six years.

Hendry, seeking his fourth consecutive triumph at the Crucible, led Bond 16-8 and required only two of the remaining 11 frames for victory and a first prize of £190,000. The Scot was also on the threshold of extending his unbeaten sequence of matches in the championship to 20.

Sweater Shop, the sponsors of the Cuemasters management stable, of which Hendry is a member, also gave him the extra incentive of the keys to a Ferrari should he defend the title successfully this year. Twelve months ago, their present to Hendry was a Bentley Continental.

Hendry, who has not tasted defeat in the championship since a 13-11 quarter-final reversal against Steve James in 1991, threatened to bring the curtain down with a full session to spare when he won the opening three frames yesterday.

Having strung together a total of ten frames without reply, as he did when recovering from an 8-14 deficit to beat Jimmy White 18-14 in the 1992 final, it was perhaps inevitable that Hendry would eventually suffer a lapse in concentration. This manifested itself when Hendry missed a simple last red in the 21st frame and, at 44-14 in the 22nd, a black off its spot.

On both occasions, Bond fashioned clearances to the pink to trail only 14-8, but Hendry then regained the initiative by easily accounting for the last two frames of the afternoon with runs of 71 and 83.

Last year, Hendry retained the title by edging White 18-17 despite being handicapped by a broken bone in his left arm. The only things he has broken here over the past 17 days are a series of break-building and prize-money records.

The £190,000 first prize, added to the £147,000 bonus he received for compiling only the Crucible's third maximum break, will push his total career earnings to £4,156,975.

That makes Hendry the most financially successful player in the game's history as his great rival Steve Davis has amassed £17,975 less, even though he joined the professional ranks seven years before Hendry, in 1978.

By capturing his 52nd title and winning his 23rd world ranking tournament, Hendry's prize-money from the 1994-95 campaign alone would stand at £689,194. Hendry is sure to collect an additional £12,000 for figuring in the Matchroom League semi-finals next weekend so is thereby guaranteed to become the first player to bank over £700,000 in a single season.

Scores

S Hendry (Scot) leads N Bond (Eng) 16-8

Frame scores (Hendry first): 68-20, 42-87, 29-74, 0-81, 72-8, 4-76, 105-0, 77-7, 1-85, 65-32, 90-1, 70-31, 74-13, 124-1, 70-25, 84-0, 75-9, 116-9, 74-41, 14-83, 99-73, 44-87, 76-19, 83-0.

In a powerful burst reminiscent of the one Hendry produced when he last met Bond in a final, the title-holder built a solid platform for victory by claiming eight of the nine frames played during the second session on Saturday.

Bond, who led Hendry 5-3 before being crushed 10-5 in the 1990 Grand Prix final, began confidently again. He moved 5-4 ahead with a 68 break direct from Hendry's grossly misjudged safety shot early in the ninth frame and one began to wonder whether a major upset was possible.

A pair of unforced errors from Bond in the next two frames proved pivotal. They undermined his self-belief and, more crucially, allowed Hendry to crank open the floodgates. Leading 32-1 in the tenth frame, Bond, so dependable to that point, missed a straightforward red to a middle pocket and Hendry gratefully pounced with a run of 60 to level at 5-5.

Bond was again in first in the 11th. He potted a long red but, trying to nestle the cue-ball tightly in behind the green for a fiendish snooker, he failed to reach and only succeeded in blocking his own path to the reds.

From the self-inflicted trap, Bond found adequate safety impossible. Hendry compiled an 81 break from the scoring opportunity presented him to lead 6-5 and Bond offered little resistance in the closing five frames of the evening. Hendry, meanwhile, constructed further breaks of 70, 63, 60, 84 and 124 to forge into an 11-5 overnight advantage.

That latter effort was Hendry's eleventh century of this year's event, three more than anyone has ever compiled in a single championship. It was also his 48th of the season, superseding the record 47 he managed to compile during 1990-91.

Hendry has now made 293 centuries as a professional. It is a measure of how he has raised this department of the game to a new dimension that only one other player, Steve Davis, can boast over 200, and only three others, Jimmy White, John Parrott and James Wattana have exceeded 100.

Dennis Taylor, the 1985 world champion, who has covered the event as a commentator for BBC television, believes Hendry is the most accomplished player snooker has produced. "I've been saying it for three or four years now and what he's done here over the last couple of weeks proves it," Taylor said. Few would argue with that.

Hendry sizes up a pot on his way to establishing a 16-8 advantage yesterday. Photograph: Eric Whitehead

Worthing secure Budweiser honours with style

By Nicholas Harling

THE glorious dream materialised for Alan Cunningham in the Wembley Arena last night when he led the Worthing Bears to their third successive Budweiser basketball championship title. Their 77-73 victory over Manchester Giants gave the veteran player-coach an unprecedented seventh play-off success running. Cleary, it mattered little to Worthing's jubilant supporters that the 40-year-old Cunningham had just played his last game for the club after falling out with his board of directors, which had accused of lacking ambition for declining two invitations to compete in Europe.

The obvious recipient of the most-valuable-player award for his contribution of 19 points at 14 rebounds, Cunningham was hugged by his two daughters as he came off the court moments after Herman Harried had secured Worthing's victory with a breakaway lay-up. It was the last basket of a final that had contained enough twists and turns to last a season, never mind a weekend.

There seemed only one winner when the Giants, inspired by the breaks of Cam Johnson that were clearly too nippy for the ageing Bears, scored 11 successive points early on. The burst was started and finished by Johnson's fellow American, Mark Robinson, and took the Mancunians into a 13-4 lead.

Yet, it was then, with a zone defence and the considerable help of Colin Irish, the scorer of 25 points in the surprise 84-72 victory the previous night over the double winners, Sheffield Sharks, that the Bears replied with a 17-4 spree that took them into the interval trailing by only 37-35.

It could have been so much worse with Irish already on three fouls and Worthing having survived a spell when their shots were not even close. Their recovery was consolidated in a 15-3 post-interval sequence, which led to their thinking, presumably, that the match was over at three-quarter time when their advantage was 56-46.

Back, though, came the Giants with 14 of the next 19 points to herald a dramatic last four minutes. Worthing conceded the initiative to the third and fourth three-pointers from Kevin St Kitts and continued to miss their free throws with alarming regularity. For once, however, it did not matter as Irish and Harried made up for their lapses from close range to sink the decisive baskets.

Cunningham was adamant that he would carry on playing. "I've made more comebacks than Frank Sinatra, so there'll be no more retiring," he said.

☐ Reggie Miller equalled a National Basketball Association (NBA) play-off record with six three-point shots in a half in Indianapolis on Saturday as Indiana beat Atlanta 105-97 to take a 2-0 lead in their first-round series.

It was a day for levelling the score as Cleveland and the Los Angeles Lakers both bounced back from big defeats to pull even in their first-round series. Cleveland, who were beaten 103-79 by New York on Thursday, rebounded with a 90-84 victory over the Knicks at Madison Square Garden to tie the best-of-five series 1-1.

The Cavaliers forced 26 turnovers and held the Knicks scoreless for a minute and a half in the closing stages. At the same time, five Cleveland starters scored in double figures.

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Kent provide cold comfort for spectators

David Powell laments the lack of a warm welcome for cricket followers at Canterbury

Shortly after tea, on the first day of the Britannic Assurance County Championship cricket season last Thursday, I opened a copy of *Kent Calling*, the official newsletter of Kent County Cricket Club, and read what it was like to enjoy a day at the St Lawrence Ground. I was there at the time, for the match against Northamptonshire, but, so distant from the place described did the ground seem to me, that it was as though I was in Sidcup High Street reading a holiday brochure for Bali.

I fear I may be about to undo some of the good work achieved by this newspaper's cricket correspondent in relations with Kent, for it was his glowing assessment of the St Lawrence Ground which, quite by chance, I stumbled upon. On a summer's day, when an important match is being played, the ground is apparently a delight and caters well for members and other supporters. On the first day of the championship, I met the rogue twin.

This day was cold and, the more I walked the ground to keep warm, the more dissatisfied I became. It was not ready, to my mind, for the first-day-of-the-championship customer. I wanted a programme but was told by the scorecard seller they were available only for Sunday matches. A handbook, then? "Try next door," he said. I did, but on the door was a notice: "Sorry, annuals not yet available." Nor was satisfactory catering.

Lucky's Bar was not serving lunches while improvements took place and the alternatives were limited. There was the snack bar (no seats and awful tea) or the small Gallery restaurant (where I chickened out of complaining that my food was barely warm because the waitress was helpful, making a special journey to the kitchen opposite to order me a vegetarian dish). No doubt catering and comfort for members are adequate, but I could find nowhere for the casual spectator to escape the cold in cheerful surroundings.

A quick-fire knock is as good as a whisky to warm the shivering fan and Allan Lamb poured a double with his half-century for Northamptonshire in an hour just after lunch. But he was bowled on 54 and, for the next four hours until the close, the game delivered more safety shots than Jimmy White in a lifetime of snooker.

At times, Northamptonshire resembled workmen leaning on their shovels, resting rather than building. Richard Montgomerie was at the crease all day for an unbeaten 113 in a total of 343 for five, the last 171 in partnership with David Capel. This was obdurate, not warming, cricket.

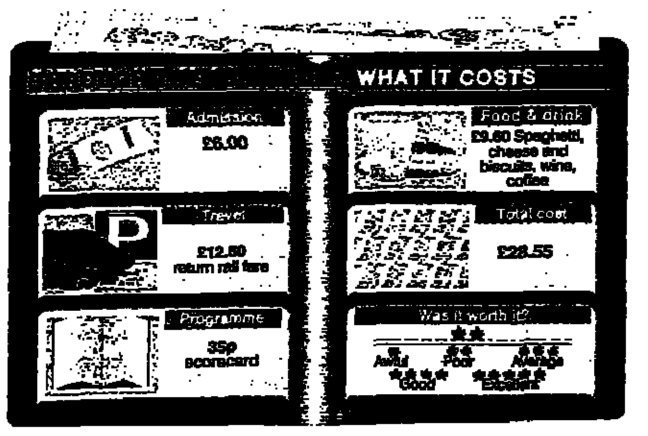
Not a ball was missed by the publican from Ramsgate with whom I spoke during the tea interval and whose hobby is keeping a meticulous scorebook. He is not a member and had access only to the same facilities as I. Not a word of complaint from him, though.

His concentration was as unbroken as Montgomerie's. Not once did I see him out of his seat. He neither knew nor cared, probably, about the foul snack-bar tea and spent most of the interval still in his seat, seemingly oblivious to the cold, telling me of his passion for keeping score.

It was nice, he said, to have a record of the days when Kent won things. Yes, this had been a hobby before Kent's last trophy win which was, he said, in 1978. I asked him for his favourite memories and he related how Cowdrey had taken 201 off the Australians, Lillee and Thomson included, when Kent needed 369 on the last day to win, and recalled Underwood taking 15 wickets in a match at Folkestone.

He was optimistic that Kent had a chance in the championship this season, provided they did not suffer an injury toll as heavy as last summer. Much will depend on De Silva, Kent's newly-acquired Sri Lankan batsman, who kept his hands in his pockets most of the day. If he bats with similar common sense, Kent will not be disappointed.

The ice-cream man found customers almost as hard to come by as Kent did wickets. By 5pm, he had sold only 15, compared with more than 500 on a decent day. An hour later he was gone and the snack bar, restaurant and shop were closed. The only place to go for refreshment or warmth while the last overs were played out, with the crowd of some 500 down to 100 or so, was Lucky's Bar. There the Britannic Assurance sticker proclaimed, "Cricket, lovely cricket". Appropriately, on this day of low temperatures, it was stuck to the fridge door.



Kingussie stride into shinty final

By Coll Macdougall

KINGUSSIE marched into the final of this year's Scottish shinty championship for the seventh time in the decade when they brushed aside Fort William, the team that denied them a place in the final of the Keyline MacAulay Cup a month ago.

Only some superb goalkeeping by Graeme MacMillan prevented his Fort William's defeat from being much larger than 3-1, but it was he who gifted Kingussie their first successful strike. As Ally Borthwick powered towards goal, MacMillan brought him down within the circle, leaving Brian Davis, the referee, no option but to award a penalty. This was converted by Ronald Ross, the man of the match.

After the interval, Kingussie appeared reinvigorated, with Dave Anderson shaving the post in the first minute. After James Clark had been booked for felling Ally Borthwick, Anderson's free hit went to Ross, who fired in a rocket from the edge of the circle.

Play, which had never reached the heights that it should have for the penultimate stage of the Glenmorangie Camanachd Cup, became even scrappier with Neil Robertson and Scott MacNeil being booked for petty fouling. Then, unexpectedly, Fort William brought themselves back into contention with a goal that would have been spectacular had it been intended but was really a combination of two mishits by Victor Smith and Willie MacDonald, the latter's random lob falling behind Ian Anderson, the Kingussie goalkeeper.

This fired them up only briefly. Ross latched on to a skilfully-placed free hit from Michael Clark to defeat MacMillan with his sixtieth goal of the season.

RESULTS: Glenmorangie Camanachd Cup: Semi-final: Fort William 1 Kingussie 3. Valerie Fraser Cup: First round: Kinlochshiel 1 Caberfeidh 2. Bullough Cup: First round: Bute 2 Glasgow University 0. Edinburgh University walkover Kilmory; Tayforth walkover St Andrews University. MacQuiston Cup: First round: Kyles Athletic 0 Oban Celtic 3. Bank of Scotland Glasgow Celtic Society Cup: Semi-final: Glasgow Mid Argyll 2 Oban Camanachd 3. Marine Harvest Leagues: North: Second division: Kinmalie 5 Strathglass 1. Third division: Beauly 3 Newtonmore 1, Fort William 1 Lovat 1; Skye walkover Aberdeen University. Fourth division: Kilmallie 4 Lochbroom 1. South: First division: Ballachulish 2 Oban Celtic 4; Strachur 0 Inveraray 4. Third division: Inveraray 1 Ballachulish 1.

Conway prospers as England score at will

ENGLAND'S under-21 hockey team enjoyed easy victories over the weekend in the qualifying tournament for the Junior European Nations Cup at Genoa (Sydney Friskin writes). A 4-0 win over Portugal yesterday followed the 9-1 defeat of Gibraltar on Saturday.

Yesterday, Conway scored twice from open play for England who led 3-0 at half-time. The other goals came from Wallis and Evenett's short corner.

On Saturday, Daniel Santiago scored within three minutes for Gibraltar but they could not stop the landslide which began in the ninth minute. By half-time, England were 4-1 ahead. Conway and Stamp scored from short corners and Fordham and Conway added two more from open play. More goals followed in the second half from Mathews, two from Hall and two more by Conway from short corners.

At home, Cheshire and Essex survived the two remaining preliminary round matches in the under-21 county championship.

At Canterbury, Essex recovered to beat Kent 2-1 after Swan had given Kent the lead in the 25th minute. Jenkins replied for Essex with goals in the 61st and 63rd minutes.

At Portsmouth, Cheshire defeated the Royal Navy 3-0. Hornby (twice) and Storey scored. Cheshire and Essex join Nottinghamshire and Gloucestershire in the semi-finals at Portsmouth on May 20.

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Conner's crew switches yachts

From Barry Pickthall in San Diego

DENNIS CONNER, the winner of the America's Cup defence trials, has chosen to retire his own *Stars & Stripes* yacht and take over Kevin Mahaney's mermaid-painted *Young America* for the best-of-nine race series against New Zealand commencing off San Diego next Saturday.

The swap is allowed under a controversial ruling made a month ago by the America's Cup trustees committee, made up of representatives from the New York Yacht Club, Royal Perth Yacht Club and the San Diego Yacht Club, who decreed that "the defending club may select its defending yacht from the finalists of the Citizen Cup".

Conner's crew, having test-sailed *Young America* for the first time on Saturday, is convinced that she is the faster boat but remains concerned at the short time available to get accustomed to her.

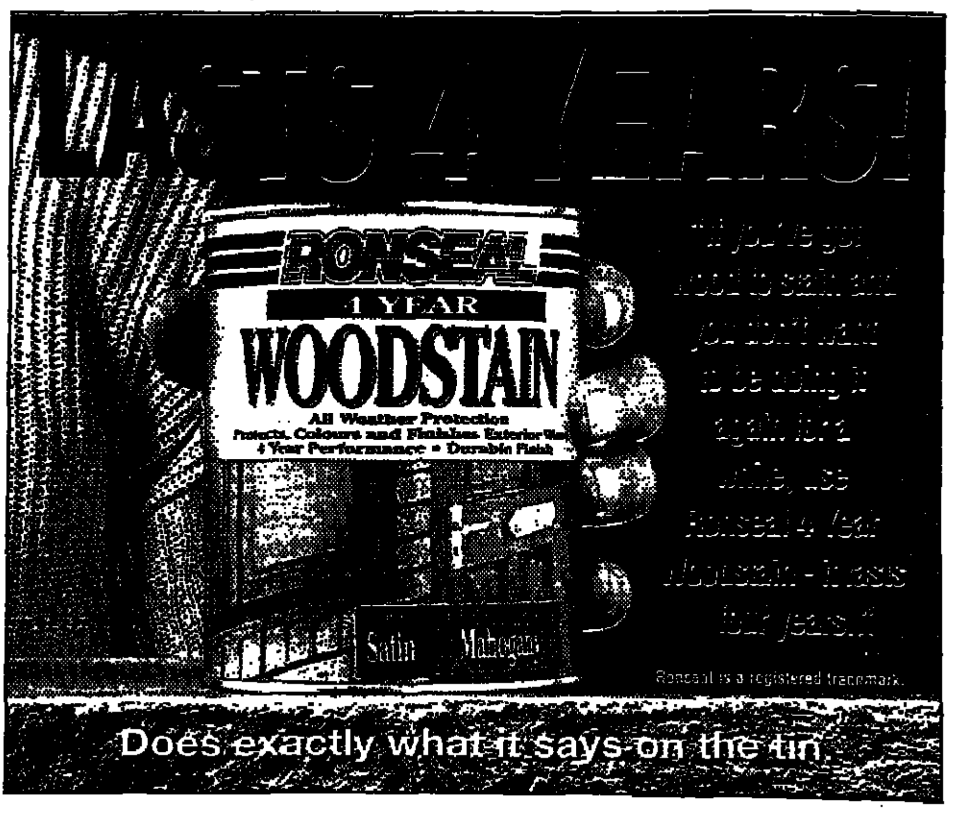
"If we had to race today, we wouldn't be ready," Tom Whidden, Conner's veteran tactician explained, adding: "The deck layout and cockpits are quite different, but the technical programmes above the deck are identical. The one risk is that we don't sail *Young America* to her full potential."

A question remains over the sails Conner will use. Each syndicate is limited to 45 sails for the five-month trials, and the *Young America* team has used up far more of its allocation than Conner's cash-strapped *Stars & Stripes* group.

If the four-time Cup winner presses a claim to transfer the *Stars & Stripes* allowance to *Young America*, then their New Zealand rivals are sure to protest. The two sides are already at loggerheads over the terms of the match which have to be agreed by mutual consent or revert to a three-race series as set out in the 100-year-old Deed of Gift governing the Cup.

Concerned that the New Zealanders appear to have a speed advantage over *Young America*, the San Diego defence committee remains insistent that Conner should be allowed to re-configure his newly-acquired yacht between races.

The New Zealanders are equally insistent that once the first race starts, the yachts are locked into a no-change period as they have been throughout both the defence and challenger trials. The matter is now before the trustees.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Supporters not sold on Chase's policies

Norwich City 1
Liverpool 2

BY IVO TENNANT

THE piped popular music was pitched so loud at half-time as to drown even the mosts raucous of protests at Carrow Road. Outside the ground, after another defeat and with relegation all but certified, it was a different matter. There was no withholding around 1,000 of Norwich City's supporters and the abuse they hurled at a chairman they regard as a pariah.

Robert Chase, who insists that his position is not an issue, knew what was coming on Saturday. He is aware that, even in supposedly tranquil East Anglia, supporters have little interest in books being balanced if the team is being dismantled before them. It is no use Chase saying there is no likelihood of Chris Sutton leaving the club, and then promptly demonstrating that such words are worthless.

Chase said that if Norwich are relegated from the FA Carling Premiership (it is more a matter of when), his plans for the club would be set back by only a season. And yet that is to suppose that they will be promoted straight away, having presumably shed one or two more of their better players.

This is indeed a presumption. Other than ten arrests, nothing came of the demonstrations, just as nothing came of Norwich's wholehearted and punchy football. They could not match Liverpool for measured passing, but there was a spirit about their game that deserved more.

"We are still in with a fighting chance of avoiding relegation," Gary Megson, their latest manager, insisted, but he must have known he was living out a pipedream.

At times, Norwich harried Liverpool out of their eternal neat triangles, but there was manifestly a difference in class. Redknapp and McManaman would toy with the Norwich defence, envisaging the moment for the angled through-ball.

An opening of a different kind came as early as the seventh minute, when Thomas, more a full back than a defensive midfield player, found Rush with a long ball from the right wing. It broke to Harkness, who scored his first goal of the season.

When Redknapp struck the crossbar with a curled, direct free kick five minutes later, one sensed that Liverpool were reckoning this was not much of a contest. They looked a little self-satisfied, and one or two of them — notably Barnes — markedly sluggish.

Soon, Ullathorne swept in a cross that Sutch had whipped across the penalty area and Liverpool's three centre backs. Now, Norwich had a semblance of control. Akinbiyi had two opportunities, one a header and the other a volley. Later, Ward slipped through a tentative defence and shot over the bar.

It was illusory: Liverpool regained their poise and reverted to that precise inter-passing which often stretches the width of the pitch and back again.

There were six minutes remaining when James collected a long ball and sent McManaman scampering away with a throw flicked from his body as if returning to the wicketkeeper. McManaman's spindly legs took him clear of Norwich's defenders and, when his shot was parried by Marshall, Rush was in the ideal position to stab the ball past the goalkeeper. Norwich, who had taken the field to *Land of Hope and Glory*, left it to their sixth successive defeat and the din of disturbed supporters.

NORWICH CITY (4-4-2). A Marshall — C Bradshaw (sub. J Cureton, 75min), J Newsome, J Polston, M Bowen — D Sutch, I Crook, M Milligan, R Ullathorne (sub: N Adams, 80) — A Ward, A Akinbiyi.
LIVERPOOL (3-4-1-2). D James — J Scales, M Wright, P Babb — M Thomas, J Redknapp, J Barnes (sub: N Clough, 60), S Harkness — S McManaman — I Rush, R Fowler (sub: M Walters, 84).
Referee: B Hill.

Palmer leaves Villa tottering nearer the abyss

Peter Ball believes relegation is a real possiblity after a 1-0 defeat at Leeds United

ONE of football's great glories is the way a flash of high drama can suddenly appear in even the most turgid matches. For 87 minutes at Elland Road on Saturday, Leeds United and Aston Villa were apparently heading towards an inevitable, drab 0-0 draw; by the time the final whistle blew, a little over three minutes later, Aston Villa had had their goalkeeper sent off and Carlton Palmer, of all unlikely people, had scored a breathtaking goal.

"It was tough on us not to take something away from the game," Brian Little, the Villa manager, said afterwards. Tough — and ominous too. Villa had dropped even closer to the bottom four, one point above the danger line that separates survival from relegation.

In his days at Sheffield Wednesday, Palmer was described by Ron Atkinson as "the worst finisher since Devon Loch". Nothing in his subsequent record has done anything to change that description, so when Palmer hits the ball past your substitute goalkeeper with a ferocity that Peter Lorimer, Elland Road's former cannon-ball specialist, would have been proud of, you know your luck is right out.

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Not that Bosnich, the original Villa goalkeeper, would have saved it. It is doubtful if Bosnich and Spink, his replacement, together could have stopped it, but the loss of a man might finally have opened things up a little. "We were getting a little bit tired and the last thing we needed at that stage was to lose a player," Little said.

Palmer, who, for 87 minutes, had had one of his usual industrious matches with little to show for it, was the central figure in the drama from the moment he burst clear on Gary Kelly's long pass. His touch let him down and his attempt to recover the ball led him into a last desperate lunge, the attempt taking Teale's legs as the defender shepherded the ball to safety.

Yeboah, of Leeds, hurdles the sliding challenge of Teale, the Aston Villa defender, during their encounter at Elland Road on Saturday

Another moment of mediocrity in a game full of them, but Bosnich got involved totally unnecessarily. Shoves were exchanged before Ehiogu and the immaculate McGrath calmed Palmer down.

In another match, it might have all passed off virtually unnoticed. On Saturday, the referee, David Elleray, who had as poor a game as most of the players, decided to notice and booked both players — with disastrous consequences for Bosnich, who had already been booked for time-wasting, and for his side.

Little protested that the dismissal was unjust. Perhaps, but Bosnich's history of escaping punishment, with a reckless challenge on Klinsmann earlier this season standing out, meant that, outside the Villa dressing room, there was little sympathy.

Even more ominously for Villa, they deserved better. Had a visitor been told that one side was pressing for a Uefa Cup place, the other to avoid the drop, he would have been hard-pressed to decide which was which and, in the first half, would probably have leant towards Villa as the team with high ambitions, only two quite stunning saves by Lukic denying them.

"Villa were magnificent at times," Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, said, overstating his case a bit. "They got behind the ball quickly, they broke out very, very well and we weren't playing well. I said to them at half-time: 'You've got to keep at it.'"

Whatever their failings, Leeds do keep at it, as Blackburn also found to their cost recently, and Palmer seized the moment when it came. That is the sort of thing that happens to sides on their way down.

Even worse for Villa, it is tempting to say they looked too good to go down. Fateful words, as Nottingham Forest and Sheffield Wednesday can both testify. A record of only one goal in eight games — and that courtesy of an opposition defender — speaks for itself.

Yet, on Saturday's performance they not only look too good to go down to the Endsleigh Insurance League but, unlike Forest and Sheffield Wednesday in past years, are fighting spiritedly to avoid the drop.

With home games against Manchester City and Liverpool, and a visit to Norwich City, who already look doomed, there are reasons for optimism at Villa Park. But no cause yet for self-congratulation.

LEEDS UNITED (4-5-1): J Lukic — G Kelly, D Wetherall, J Pemberton, A Dorigo — R Wallace, G McAllister, C Palmer, G Speed, B Deane — A Yeboah
ASTON VILLA (5-4-1): M Bosnich — G Charles, U Ehiogu, P McGrath, S Teale, A Wright — D Saunders, I Taylor, A Townsend (sub. G Fenton, 84min), S Staunton — D Yorke (sub N Spink, 87)
Referee: D Elleray

Goodison repeat short of drama

Everton 0
Wimbledon 0

BY ALYSON RUDD

HOW do theatres do it? Same plot, same actors, every night, every matinée. Yet the participants behave as if they have never uttered the lines before, never anticipated the dènouement.

Football stadiums cannot do it. The drama of Wimbledon's visit to Goodison Park on the final day of last season left players and spectators drained with the drama and emotion of it all. Everton had to win, trailed by two goals and then, remarkably, scored three to save their season. Grown men wept.

The repeat on Saturday was no less vital, but it was stale fare. Any actor will tell you you have to work hard to look fresh. At Goodison, the players worked hard to look workmanlike.

Everton's recent success, particularly in the FA Cup, has come through intimidation with style. On Saturday, they offered neither. They were over-elaborate in the area and, while Hinchcliffe was as threatening as ever at set-pieces, Wimbledon outguessed him at every corner, Sullivan the first to every cross.

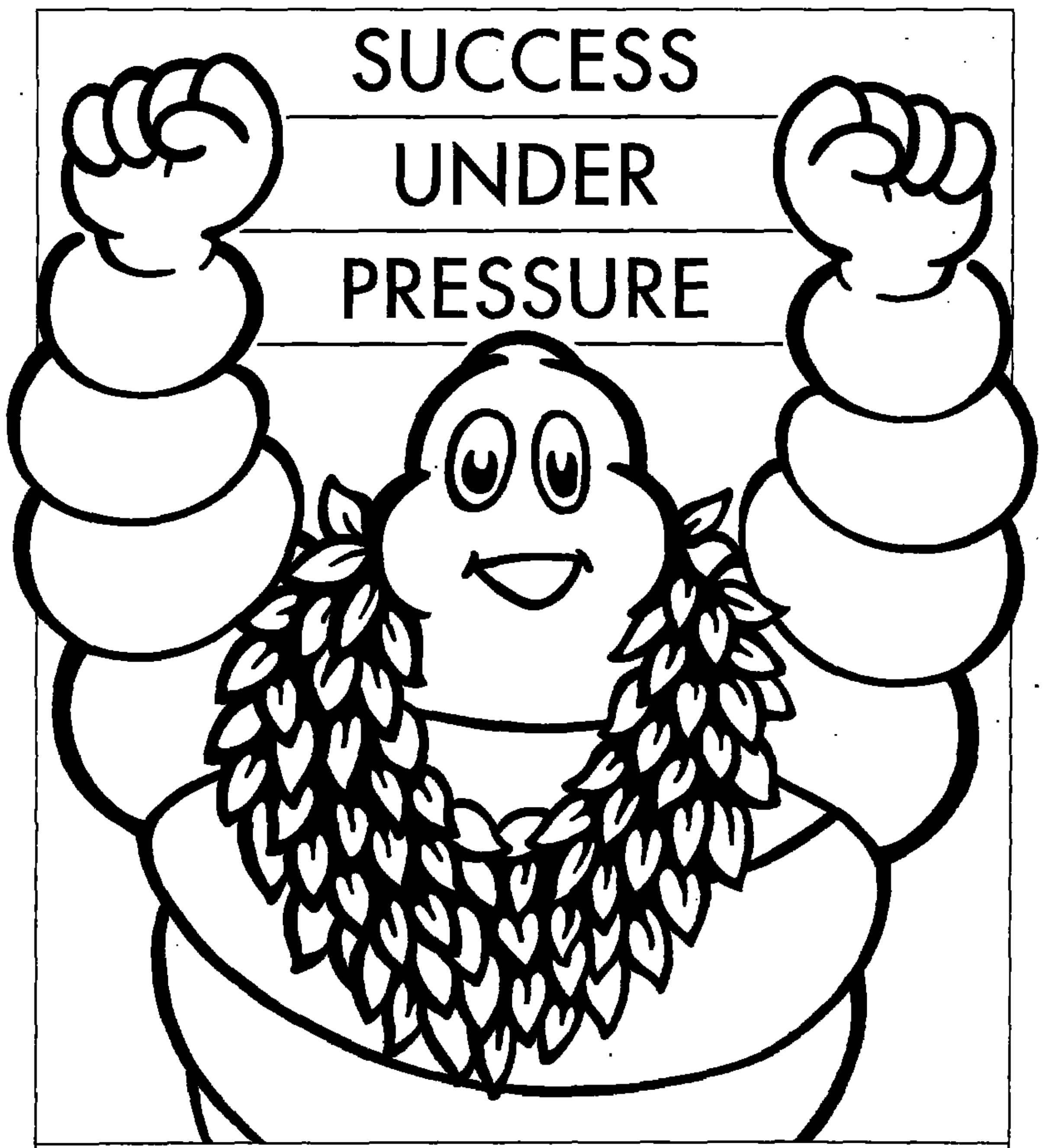
Since his promotion from the youth team, Sullivan has been impressive in goal for Wimbledon. Not even Ablett's speculative, but horribly swerving, lob from just inside Wimbledon's half flustered him.

Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, is, with his lawyers, considering a restraint of trade defence against his six-month touchline ban. This is ironic. After 90 minutes of combat against Wimbledon, many clubs feel as though they have suffered some form of restraint of trade, so boisterous and suffocating are the south London club's tactics. They are tactics that work, however, and Kinnear contemplated another top-six place in the FA Carling Premiership, "which is like winning the league for us". Meanwhile, Everton played as if wired up to the local radio station. So many of the other key relegation tussles were going their way, the adrenalin just would not pump. Ian Rush was the darling of Goodison after his winning goal against Norwich City and Leeds was a nice place for a fortnight's holiday after Aston Villa's defeat at Elland Road.

No, the dramatic finale for Everton this year looks certain to be saved for Wembley on May 20. Joe Royle's team still have to secure some extra points but, as Royle pointed out, Villa have to play Norwich and "they both can't win it, can they?".

If they could, that would be some twist in the tale.

EVERTON (4-4-2): N Southall — E Barrett, D Watson, D Unsworth, G Ablett — A Limpar (sub: P Rideout, 46min), B Horne, J Parkinson, A Hinchcliffe — G Stuart, D Amokachi
WIMBLEDON (4-4-2): N Sullivan — K Cunningham, A Thorn (sub. C Perry, 30), A Reeves, A Kimble — P Fear, V Jones, G Elkins, O Leonhardsen — E Ekoku (sub J Goodman 89), D Holdsworth
Referee: P Danson.



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New firm fails for lack of funds

KEVIN McCARRA

Scottish commentary

A fixture is about to be refurbished. When Aberdeen and Dundee United meet at Pittodrie on Saturday, all the old passion and significance of their contests in the Eighties will be present once more. In 1995, however, the great public interest in the outcome is morbid. It is likely that the losers will be relegated automatically. In their heyday, a dozen years ago, Aberdeen and Dundee United were called the New Firm. The passage of time has demonstrated the term to be perfectly inappropriate.

Celtic and Rangers were sardonically christened the Old Firm at the start of the century, when one observer noticed how conveniently profitable fierce animosity was to both parties. The Glasgow behemoths have always been partners as much as rivals.

The Old Firm title implied that this was a substantial business concern, capable of pounding its way successfully down the decades through sheer force of cash, even though the names of players and managers might change. The achievements of Aberdeen and Dundee United have never had about them that whiff of economic certainty.

Each is carefully run, soundly financed but lacking the kind of audience that would allow them to spend even £1 million on a player. In consequence, success is never ground out in the Old Firm manner. These two clubs depend on sudden eruptions of talent. In the Eighties, there were great geysers of ability gushing at Pittodrie and Tannadice.

Two extraordinary managers, Alex Ferguson and Jim McLean, were in charge of superior sets of players. Aberdeen, the larger club, pulled off the greater feats, but United were good enough to play in the 1987 Uefa Cup final. If everyone had not been so caught up in joy, though, we might have worried about the aftermath of glory.

It was never possible for such standards to be maintained in such places. Aberdeen, tormented by the memory of grandeur, are now on their fourth manager since the departure of Ferguson in 1986. At United there has, by contrast, been a questionable stability. After 22 years in the job, McLean stepped down in 1993 but he remains as chairman. His successor as manager, Ivan Golac, was forced out of the club in March.

There has been ridiculous speculation that the relationship between the men stopped just short of fisticuffs: scarcely any overt conflict occurred at all. Instead, Golac, by his own account, simply felt himself deprived of the necessary authority. Too many decisions, he complained, had to be endorsed by the board.

McLean, of course, may well have decided that the judgment of the idiosyncratic Golac could not be trusted. It is the job of Billy Kirkwood, the new manager, to operate with the kind of effectiveness that ensures he cannot be denied control. Both he and Roy Aitken, his counterpart at Pittodrie, must cut the past down to size.

On Saturday, Aberdeen did manage to bring some vibrancy to the present. Billy Dodds scored twice at Tynecastle, his second coming five minutes from the end, to beat Heart of Midlothian 2-1. Aberdeen played with all the nervous energy of a truly frightened man. Even after this victory, they remain bottom of the table, a point behind the Tannadice club. Aitken himself holds his post on a caretaker basis, having succeeded Willie Miller in February, and, despite some painful results, including a Tennents Scottish Cup defeat at Stenhousemuir, it is persistently suggested that he will be given the job on a permanent basis.

In frantic days, there is a craving for stability. The players talk contentedly of Aitken, eager to believe that he is about to restore order at a club whose stability is embodied in a 92-year history without relegation. So the manager is praised for improving morale and sharpening training.

This may all be true. It is also, however, a sign that there could be advantages for Aitken and Kirkwood in taking their jobs at the worst time. The team, supporters and directors will all be grateful for any improvement these men can bring after a season of dismay. Aitken must almost relish next Saturday's match. Victory will, illogically or not, make him a hero in Aberdeen, conferring the prestige a manager needs to be sure of getting his own way. Naturally, a win would carry exactly the same value for Kirkwood.

At Pittodrie next weekend, the two men will wrestle over the one available miracle.

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West Ham ease the threat of relegation and reopen race for the Premiership

Blackburn's grip on title takes a hammering

West Ham United..........2
Blackburn Rovers..........0

By Rob Hughes
Football Correspondent

WHO now believes that bubbles, or dreams, can be blown away? West Ham United, displaying a ferocious example of the tenacity that runs from top to bottom of English league football, yesterday shook Blackburn Rovers, the FA Carling Premiership leaders, so resolutely that, in a packed stadium at Upton Park, they virtually turned the table upside down.

For West Ham, in form that has allowed opponents to beat them only once in eight games, the goals yesterday from Rieper and Hutchison surely now mean that they will cling to Premiership status. But, for Blackburn, a side apparently tired, mentally and physically, of reaching for their first championship in 81 years, the celebrations are more than on hold.

They are in deep storage, for when Manchester United visit Highfield Road to play Coventry City tonight, they suddenly have a better glimpse of retaining the title for a third year than anyone imagined. Blackburn's lead is eight points, Kenny Dalglish, their manager, says he would not swap their position; and yet United now have 12 points to play for, Blackburn only six, the race is open again.

On the other hand, such is the scramble for a lifeline at the bottom that West Ham's victory puts the onus on Coventry to try might and main to beat United, for their position is also perilous.

If, as Dalglish opines, tonight's game will be similar to yesterday's, then do not look for entertainment. At least in the aesthetic sense, that is a quality wrung out of the equation because fear and tension treats champions and relegation-haunted teams alike: it freezes the flow of the game and imposes an horrendous frenzy, a charge to be first to the ball that denies skill.

Ask Richard Witschge. The Dutchman on loan to Blackburn made his first appearance on the left of midfield, and the first time he received the ball Breacker came hurtling in, both feet to the ball, a tackle that achieved the aim, but only just failed to skin the ankles of the visitor.

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Batty, back in the game after a year of doubt and pain through injury, has played twice, been booked twice, and should not have remained on the field after his high boot implanted a set of studs on the inside of the thigh of Bishop.

Believe it or not, that tackle was the most memorable event of a first half disfigured rather than distinguished. The stalwarts had been Rieper, the Dane on loan to the Hammers, and Colin Hendry.

Rieper was one reason why Shearer was subdued. The big Dane won virtually everything in the air while, on the ground, Potts, the West Ham skipper, was just as efficient. With West Ham fighting, snarling, snapping for every ball in midfield there was not the service for Shearer's hunger.

West Ham out-competing Blackburn Rovers? They may not believe you in the north, but it happened. And it was justice in the 51st minute when Rieper scored. From Moncur's corner, Boere managed to draw Hendry, Rieper got in behind Sutton, and his glancing header sneaked inside the post.

Now the tenacity belonged to Rovers. From a Ripley cross, won in the air by Hendry, Shearer had the ball in the net: it was disallowed by referee Morton, who afterwards said that Sutton was impeding the goalkeeper with his arm.

Rovers tried again. Newell, moments after coming on as a substitute, hit a swerving shot which struck the top of the crossbar. Now the bubbles were blowing, now the effort, and at times the extra midfield vision and touch of people like Bishop, began to suggest a widening of the margin.

It came eight minutes from time. Bishop, with a raking, incisive right-foot pass, invited Rush, the substitute, to run inside Hendry. He did, with relish, drawing the tackle of the big defender, putting him on the seat of his pants, and then passing the ball back to Moncur. His shot, though it struck a defender on the way, was magnificantly saved by a swooping dive from Flowers, a dive and a save in vain. For Hutchison, who had mixed aggression, willingness, and sometimes a svelte touch on the ball, was there to drive the ball in from seven yards.

Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, said: "We've opened it up at the top as well. But why are people surprised? To come to Upton Park with a full house behind the Hammers is a very difficult place to win." He stopped, mused, laughed and added: "Having said that, we'll probably get relegated."

WEST HAM UNITED (4-4-2): L Miklosko — T Breacker, M Rieper, S Potts, J Dicks — M Allen, I Bishop, J Moncur, M Holmes — D Hutchison (sub: S Webster, 85min), J Boere (sub. M Rush, 76).

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2). T Flowers — J Kenna, H Berg, C Hendry, G Le Saux — S Ripley (sub: M Newell 72), T Sherwood, D Batty, R Witschge — A Shearer, C Sutton.

Referee: K Morton.

PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

	Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
[illegible]	40	86	+43	WDLWL
[illegible]	38	78	+46	LWDWD
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	38	70	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	39	68	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	39	66	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	38	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	39	53	0	WWLLL
[illegible]	39	53	-17	WDLLD
[illegible]	40	50	+4	LLWWD
[illegible]	38	[illegible]	-3	LWWWD
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-6	DLWDW
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-9	LLWWD
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-10	LWLDD
[illegible]	38	[illegible]	-17	WLLWL
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-6	WDWDW
[illegible]	38	44	-8	WLWDD
[illegible]	39	43	-7	WDLLL
[illegible]	38	42	-11	DDWLL
[illegible]	[illegible]	42	-16	LLLLL
[illegible]	40	27	-35	WLLLW
[illegible]	[illegible]	24	-55	LLLDL

Change: ▨ Up ▨ Stayed the same ■ Down

IAN STEWART

Hutchison, of West Ham United, gets in a shot on goal despite the attentions of Sherwood, of Blackburn Rovers

Girls from Highbury conjure up great cup final escape

Liverpool Ladies............2
Arsenal Ladies..............3

By Alyson Rudd

ARSENAL Ladies nearly missed the kick-off, were second-best for much of the game but came to life when it mattered to win an entertaining Women's FA Cup final yesterday.

It was some, although not much, comfort to the Liverpool team that the final showed the women's game in its best light. It offered skill, drama, and goals worthy of a spot on *Match of the Day's* goal-of-the-month competition.

Most of the classy football was played by Liverpool, also the losing finalists last year, and who led twice at Prenton Park yesterday.

Burke put Liverpool ahead after 25 minutes with a fierce right-footed shot from 20 yards after running powerfully on to Harper's pass. Liverpool would have extended their lead but for the excellence of Cope in the Arsenal goal. Her athletic fingertip save from Harper's dipping shot in the 34th minute was the best of many good stops.

Two minutes later, Arsenal drew level with a scrappy goal from Lonergan after Pealling had lofted a speculative ball into the area.

Liverpool ended the half deservedly ahead once more with Burke, who was outstanding throughout, firing another long-range shot past Cope. The half-time applause was appreciative — many of the 3,000 crowd surprised at how enjoyable it all was.

Liverpool continued to provide the better passing moves, but Arsenal drew level through a near-post header from Lonergan. Slowly, the Merseyside team tired and then Spacey sprang into life and won Arsenal the trophy with a goal nine minutes from the end. Spacey intercepted Ryde's clearance and shot high into the top corner of the net from just inside the area.

It was the only telling thing that Spacey, a regular in the England team, had done all afternoon. "Marianne [Spacey] is the Matthew Le Tissier of women's football — she has so much talent and ability," Vic Akers, the Arsenal manager, said. And, like Le Tissier it took just one flash of genius to turn a match.

Arsenal are now on course for the double, needing just one point against Red Star Southampton tomorrow to secure the women's premier league title. Akers admitted that the final had been a close call, the players' nerves not helped by having to employ the services of a police car to help them to find the ground.

But he said "team spirit and a lot of talent" had helped them to maintain their 100 per cent record this season.

Eight of England's world cup squad took part in the final. The England team fly out to Sweden next month for the Women's World Cup where a good performance could improve the standing of the game in this country.

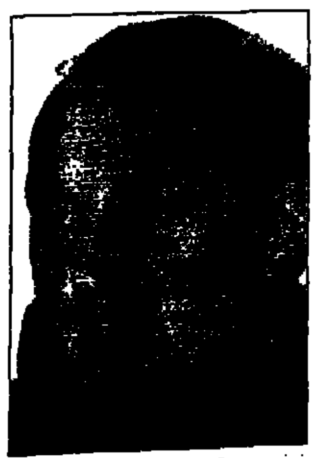
The BBC has the rights to televise the tournament and, if England progress beyond the group stage, will screen more than just highlights of the competition.

LIVERPOOL (3-4-1-2): T Davidson — C Taylor, L Ryde, J Thomas (sub: J Griffiths, 67min) — P Oldham, K Burke, R Easton, J Murray — A Gallimore — M Harper, J Hewitt (sub. J McQuiggen, 79).

ARSENAL (4-4-2): P Cope — K Pealing, V Slee, G Wylie, L Spry — J Churchman (sub: N Ball, 88), S Williams, M Spacey, M Kurley (sub K Few, 82) — R Lonergan, S Britton

Referee: J Winter.

Armstrong's popularity pales through lack of firepower



Smith: feels let down

Crystal Palace..........................1
Nottingham Forest...................2

By David Powell

At THE Sainsbury's entrance to Selhurst Park, votes were being taken to determine the Crystal Palace player of the season. A convenient location, nothing to do with cut-price shopping, a Palace way of life.

Iain Dowie was bought for £400,000 in January, Ray Houghton for £300,000 even more recently. Two bargains. "Dowie was a good signing but would have been a better signing three months before," Alan Smith, the Palace manager, said. "The same can be said of Houghton."

Houghton did not give one of his better performances but Dowie maintained the goalscoring consistency that he has shown for Palace and Northern Ireland these past two months.

Before the match, the man behind the ballot desk had said that there were four contenders for player of the season: Shaw, Coleman, Martin and Salako. Afterwards, with Palace another step closer to the FA Carling Premiership check-out, Smith underlined why Chris Armstrong, said recently to be worth £5 million but now falling, would poll few votes.

Smith gave a candid explanation of how he felt betrayed by Armstrong's contribution this season. Ron Noades, the chairman, had, Smith said, given him the option to keep Armstrong, the subject of offers from Newcastle and Everton. The player had been well looked after at Palace. "It was my decision," Smith said. "That is why I feel very let down."

Armstrong has scored only five Premiership goals this season. On Saturday, he had all the investment appeal of an endowment mortgage and Smith sounded as sceptical as the Office of Fair Trading when he said: "Armstrong will still be talked about at the end of the season as a £5 million player, but if that is the case . . ."

Dowie chased everything, Armstrong little. "I was not happy with his performance," Smith added. "We are the lowest scorers in the division. We have done a lot of good things up to the attacking third. We have not had a Roy or Collymore, a Sheringham or Klinsmann, a Sutton or Shearer."

Smith was asked the length of Armstrong's contract. "Longer than mine," came the reply from a manager whose job is in jeopardy.

"Stan Was Our Man," was the headline in the Palace programme, a reminder that Collymore went to Southend United for £150,000 only 30 months ago. Now he is valued at more than £6 million.

Collymore scored a wonderful goal, beating three players in a run across the box and firing from an angle. He helped Roy to the first, though Coleman's miskick played a greater part, and ensured that Dowie's reply was a token gesture.

Frank Clark, the Forest manager, was asked if he wanted Collymore to stay. "Yes," was the one-word response. "But you've had a few problems with him," his inquisitor persisted. "Yes, but you never win anything with a dressing-room full of angels." Provided they work hard. And Collymore had, Clark said. Over to Armstrong for Palace's last four critical matches.

CRYSTAL PALACE (4-4-2): R Wilmot — J Humphrey, R Shaw, C Coleman (sub: I Cox, 48min), D Gordon — R Houghton, G Southgate, R Newman (sub: R Bowry 81), J Salako — I Dowie, C Armstrong.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-4-2): M Crossley — D Lyttle, C Cooper, S Chettle, S Pearce — S Stone, D Phillips, S Gemmill, I Woan — S Collymore — B Roy (sub: J Lee, 67).

Referee: K Burge.

Hendrie homes in on title

Middlesbrough...............2
Luton Town......................1

By Louise Taylor

CLUTCHING red and white balloons, Middlesbrough supporters filed out of Ayresome Park yesterday confident that they will be cheering a Premier League team next season.

Should Bolton Wanderers fail to win away to Stoke City on Wednesday, Manchester United and company will be requiring directions to Middlesbrough's new Riverside Stadium in August. The only way that Bryan Robson's side can be deprived of automatic promotion from the Endsleigh Insurance League first division is if Bolton win their remaining two fixtures and Middlesbrough lose to Tranmere Rovers at Prenton Park next Sunday. Bolton could then overtake them on goals scored.

Robson's horizon did not initially look quite so sunny. More than once in a nervy opening half, Dwight Marshall, the Luton striker, outwitted Middlesbrough's offside trap before outstripping their defence. Even when Middlesbrough won a penalty after half an hour — mysteriously awarded for an alleged handling offence — Cox's nervous kick was saved, but the mood lightened seconds before half-time, Hendrie's shot being deflected into the net off Marshall's body.

Marshall won the free kick that led to Luton's 63rd-minute equaliser. When Telfer hoisted the ball over a disorganised wall, nobody picked up Taylor's run and, unimpeded, he headed across the line. But Luton's hopes ended in the 71st minute, when Whyte centred cleverly from the byline and Hendrie fired a decisive second from just outside the six-yard area. Few players have done more than Hendrie to propel Middlesbrough towards promotion.

His winner provoked a minor pitch invasion at the final whistle. Every one of the hundred or so trespassers seemed to want to give Robson a congratulatory pat and, good naturedly, he waited 15 minutes, patiently permitting his hair to be ruffled and shirt tugged. "I got the same tingle as when I played in big games for Manchester United," he said.

Matches do not come much bigger than the one against Tranmere next Sunday, and Robson's players were permitted no part in the Ayresome celebrations yesterday. "It will be nice if that was the last game here, but you never know," he said. Nobody, least of all the player-manager, wants to face a play-off semi-final at the club's outdated home.

MIDDLESBROUGH (4-4-2): A Miller — N Cox, N Pearson, S Vickers, D Whyte — C Blackmore, J Pollock, B Robson, A Moore — J A Fjortoft, J Hendrie.

LUTON TOWN (4-4-2): K Davis — D Linton, T Peake, M Johnson, R Harvey — P Telfer, S Oakes (sub A Thorpe, 80min), G Waddock, D Preece — J Taylor, D Marshall.

Referee: P Vanes.

Championship hopes ended by Ashcroft

By Our Sports Staff

LEE ASHCROFT scored a hat-trick to end Tranmere's hopes of automatic promotion from the Endsleigh Insurance League first division yesterday as West Bromwich Albion celebrated their freedom from the threat of relegation with a 5-1 win at the Hawthorns.

Tranmere went down to their third successive defeat after having the defender, Dave Higgins, sent off in first half injury-time for two bookable offences. It was Higgins' second red card against Albion in 11 days for he was sent off in a reserve match last week for illegal use of the elbow. He starts a four-match ban tomorrow.

Ashcroft's goals came in an eight-minute period during the second half, the last being a penalty after he had been fouled by John McGreal, killing off Tranmere after John Aldridge had brought them back into the game.

The Ireland international converted a penalty, awarded for a foul on Pat Nevin by David Smith, to score his 25th goal of the season after 66 minutes which made the score 2-1. Kevin Donovan and John Taylor were the other Albion scorers.

Oxford United's hopes of reaching the second division play-offs ended at the Manor Ground when they were beaten 2-1 by Swansea City. David Rush put Oxford ahead after 23 minutes but although Swansea had missed their three previous penalty kicks, Roger Feestone made no mistake from the spot after half-an-hour.

Shaun Chapple scored the winning goal for Swansea 11 minutes after half-time, guaranteeing Crewe a play-off place.

Derby dismiss McFarland

By Our Sports Staff

ROY McFARLAND was a Derby County stalwart, the rock on which two league championships were won in the Seventies, then a coach and finally the manager handed the task of taking Derby back among the elite of English football. At 4.45pm on Saturday, he failed to do so and, by 5pm, was contemplating a future away from the Baseball Ground. His 28-year link with the club was over.

Defeat at home to Southend United finally ended any flickering hopes of reaching the Endsleigh Insurance League first division play-offs and confirmed that McFarland would be out of a job. His contract expired yesterday and, within 15 minutes of Southend's 2-1 win, the club chairman, Lionel Pickering, announced that it would not be renewed.

It brings to an end an association that, apart from McFarland's 18-month spell as player-manager of Bradford City in the early Eighties, was unbroken since 1967, when Brian Clough signed him from Tranmere Rovers for £25,000. An elegant centre half, he won championships under Clough in 1972 and Dave Mackay in 1975 and 28 caps for England.

His managerial spell at the Baseball Ground began in October 1993 when Arthur Cox resigned on health grounds, but this season he was forced to sell leading players, including Paul Kitson and Tommy Johnson, to ease financial problems. In five months, he raised £6.5 million.

"This has been a very difficult decision," Pickering said. "Roy has done a very good rebuilding job at Derby while at the same time helping to get the finances right, but the board has given him his chance over the past two seasons. Gates are down and the fans do expect Derby County to at least make the play-offs."

The Football Association yesterday opened an investigation into a bottle-throwing incident during Saturday's North London derby between Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur at Highbury. Ian Wright, the Arsenal goalscorer in the 1-1 draw, narrowly avoided injury after a whisky bottle landed on the pitch.

"Everyone inside football is greatly concerned about such an incident," Mike Parry, of the Football Association, said. "Any missiles landing on the pitch is obviously a very worrying matter. By Monday morning, we will have all the reports in hand and we will be acting on those immediately."

Feyenoord announced yesterday that Ronald Koeman, the Holland sweeper, is to join them in a move from Barcelona.

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

ARSENAL (0) 1 **TOTTENHAM** (0) 1
Wright 61 (pen) Klinsmann 74
39,377

Arsenal: D Seaman, L Dixon, S Bould, A Adams, N Winterburn, P Merson, M Keown, S Schwarz, G Helder (sub: R Parlour, 77min), I Wright, J Hartson.
Booked: Bould, Winterburn, Schwarz.

Tottenham Hotspur: I Walker, D Austin, C Calderwood, G Mabbutt, J Edinburgh, D Anderton, D Howells, R Rosenthal, N Barmby, E Sheringham, J Klinsmann.
Booked: Austin.
Referee: R Hart.

CHELSEA (0) 1 **QPR** (0) 0
Sinclair 64 21,704

Chelsea: D Kharine, S Clarke, S Minto, E Johnsen (sub: G Hoddle, 90min), F Sinclair, P Furlong, M Stein, G Peacock, N Spackman, D Rocastle (sub: D Hopkin, 46), D Lee.
Booked: Sinclair, Stein.

Queen's Park Rangers: A Roberts, D Bardsley, R Brevett, A McDonald, D Maddix, S Hodge, A Impey, R Wilkins (sub: K Gallen, 77), C Wilson, L Ferdinand, G Penrice.
Booked: Maddix.
Referee: G Ashby.

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 1 **NOTTM FOREST** (1) 2
Dowie 76 Roy 14
15,886 Collymore 63

Crystal Palace: R Wilmot, J Humphrey, R Shaw, C Coleman (sub: I Cox, 46min), D Gordon, R Houghton, G Southgate, R Newman (sub: R Bowry, 81), J Salako, I Dowie, C Armstrong.
Nottingham Forest: M Crossley, D Lyttle, C Cooper, S Chettle, S Pearce, S Stone, D Phillips, S Gemmill, I Woan, S Collymore, B Roy (sub: J Lee, 67).
Booked: Collymore, Lee.
Referee: K Burge.

EVERTON (0) 0 **WIMBLEDON** (0) 0
33,063

Everton: N Southall, E Barrett, D Watson, D Unsworth, G Ablett, A Limpar (sub: P Rideout, 46min), B Horne, J Parkinson, A Hinchcliffe, G Stuart, D Amokachi.
Booked: Hinchcliffe.

Wimbledon: N Sullivan, K Cunningham, A Thorn (sub: C Perry, 30), A Reeves, A Kimble, P Fear, V Jones, G Elkins, O Leonhardsen, E Ekoku (sub: J Goodman, 69), D Holdsworth.
Booked: Jones, Fear, Elkins, Holdsworth, Ekoku.
Referee: P Danson.

LEEDS UTD (0) 1 **ASTON VILLA** (0) 0
Palmer 90 32,955

Leeds United: J Lukic, G Kelly, D Wetherall, J Pemberton, A Dorigo, R Wallace, G McAllister, C Palmer, G Speed, B Deane, A Yeboah.
Booked: Wetherall, Palmer, Deane.

Aston Villa: M Bosnich, G Charles, U Ehiogu, P McGrath, S Teale, A Wright, D Saunders, I Taylor, A Townsend (sub: G Fenton, 84min), S Staunton, D Yorke (sub: N Spink, 87).
Sent off: Bosnich, 87.
Referee: D Elleray.

LEICESTER CITY (0) 2 **IPSWICH TOWN** (0) 0
Whitlow 67 15,248
Lowe 90

Leicester City: K Poole, M Blake (sub: J Lawrence, 36min), M Whitlow, C Hill, J Willis, G Parker, M Draper, M Robins, I Roberts, B Carey, D Lowe.

Ipswich Town: P Morgan, F Yallop, G Johnson, J Wark, D Linighan, G Williams, S Milton, A Mathie, I Marshall, C Thomsen, S Slater.
Referee: A Wilkie.

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0 **NEWCASTLE UTD** (0) 0
27,389

Manchester City: A Coton (sub: J Burridge, 45min), T Phelan, K Curle, P Walsh (sub: P Beagrie, 62), N Quinn, G Flitcroft, A Kernaghan, N Summerbee, F Simpson (sub: M Gaudino, 54), R Edghill, U Rösler.
Booked: Summerbee, Simpson.

Newcastle United: P Srnicek, J Beresford, P Bracewell, R Fox, S Howey, P Beardsley, L Clark, M Hottiger, D Peacock, K Gillespie, S Watson.
Booked: Beresford, Peacock.
Referee: G Poll.

NORWICH CITY (1) 1 **LIVERPOOL** (1) 2
Ullathorne 15 Harkness 7
21,843 Rush 84

Norwich City: A Marshall, C Bradshaw (sub: J Cureton, 75min), J Newsome, J Polston, M Bowen, D Sutch, I Crook, M Milligan, R Ullathorne (sub: N Adams, 80), A Ward, A Akinbiyi.
Booked: Bowen.

Liverpool: D James, J Scales, M Wright, P Babb, M Thomas, J Redknapp, J Barnes (sub: N Clough, 60), S Harkness, S McManaman, I Rush, R Fowler (sub: M Walters, 84).
Booked: Redknapp, McManaman.
Referee: B Hill.

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0 **SHEFFIELD WED** (0) 0
15,189

Southampton: D Beasant, J Dodd, F Benali, J Magilton, R Hall, K Monkou, M Le Tissier, N Shipperley, G Watson, N Maddison (sub: P Tisdale, 77min), S Charlton (sub: M Robinson, 80).

Sheffield Wednesday: C Woods, P Atherton, C Waddle (sub: K Ingesson, 68), M Bright, A Pearce, C Bart-Williams, D Walker, G Whittingham, A Poric (sub: R Jones, 68), M Williams, I Nolan.
Booked: Pearce.
Referee: J Worrall.

Yesterday

WEST HAM UTD (0) 2 **BLACKBURN RVRS** (0) 0
Rieper 50 24,202
Hutchison 83

West Ham United: L Miklosko, T Breacker, M Rieper, S Potts, J Dicks, M Allen, I Bishop, J Moncur, D Hutchison (sub: S Webster, 87min), J Boere (M Rush 75), M Holmes.
Booked: Potts, Dicks, Allen.

Blackburn Rovers: T Flowers, H Berg, T Sherwood, C Hendry, G Le Saux, S Ripley (sub: M Newell, 72), R Witschge, D Batty, J Kenna, C Sutton, A Shearer.
Booked: Batty, Kenna.
Referee: K Morton.

Today's match: Coventry City v Manchester United (8.0).

Klinsmann: late equaliser

GOALSCORERS

	Lge	Cup	Euro	Total
Shearer (Blackburn)	32	2	1	35
Fowler (Liverpool)	25	6	0	31
Wright (Arsenal)	18	3	9	30
Klinsmann (Tottenham)	19	9	0	28
Le Tissier (Southampton)	17	9	0	26
Collymore (Nottm Forest)	21	3	0	24
Cole (Man Utd) (15 for Newcastle)	18	2	4	24
Ward (Norwich) (17 for Crewe)	15	9	0	24

RELEGATION OUTLOOK

FORTY-EIGHT points is the probable safety mark for staying in the FA Carling Premiership. Here are the clubs (not yet relegated) below this mark and a guide to their remaining opponents (the last two columns show the opponents' form over the past five games and their dominant form as visitors or hosts, depending on the fixture. These figures suggest the outcome of key matches (highlighted), eg, Norwich should beat Aston Villa but lose to Leeds, having eight wins at home (Villa lost 10 away) and 13 losses away (Leeds won 11 at home).

Points: 46 Coventry; 45 W Ham; 44 Everton; 43 A Villa, 42 C Palace, Norwich.

Games in hand: 4 Coventry, Everton, W Ham, C Palace, 3 A Villa; 2 Norwich.

Last 5 games: Coventry (wlwl), Everton (wlwdd); A Villa (wdll): W Ham (wdwdw); C Palace (ddwll); Norwich (llll).

Dominant form (home/away): Coventry (w 7/l 8), Everton (w 8/l 10); A Villa (d 8/l 10), W Ham (w 8/l 11); C Palace (l 9/l 7); Norwich (w 8/l 13).

	Corresponding fixture '94	'93	'92	'91	'90	Last 5 games	Main form
COVENTRY							
Man Utd (h)	0-1	0-1	0-0	2-2	1-4	lwdwd	w 9
Ipswich (a)	2-0	0-0	–	–	–	llldl	l 12
Tottenham (a)	2-1	2-0	3-4	2-2	2-3	lwdwd	w 10
Everton (h)	2-1	0-1	0-1	3-1	2-0	wlwdd	l 10
EVERTON							
Chelsea (h)	4-2	0-1	2-1	2-2	0-1	dlwdw	l 7
Southmptn (h)	1-0	2-1	0-1	3-0	3-0	lwwwd	d 8
Ipswich (a)	2-0	0-1	–	–	–	llldl	l 12
Coventry (a)	1-2	1-0	1-0	1-3	0-2	wllwl	w 7
ASTON VILLA							
Man City (h)	0-0	3-1	3-1	1-5	1-2	llwwd	l 10
Liverpool (h)	2-1	4-2	1-0	0-0	1-1	lwlww	w 8
Norwich (a)	2-1	0-1	1-2	0-2	0-2	llll	w 8
WEST HAM							
QPR (h)	0-4	–	2-2	–	–	wwlll	l 9
C Palace (a)	–	–	3-2	–	–	ddwll	l 9
Liverpool (h)	1-2	–	0-0	–	–	lwlww	w 8
Man Utd (h)	2-2	–	1-0	–	–	lwdwd	w 9
CRYSTAL PALACE							
Southmptn (a)	–	0-1	0-1	3-2	1-1	lwwwd	d 8
West Ham (h)	–	–	2-8	–	–	wdwdw	l 11
Leeds (a)	–	0-0	1-1	2-1	–	wwdww	w 11
Newcastle (a)	–	–	–	–	–	dwlld	w 13
NORWICH							
Leeds (a)	4-0	0-0	0-1	0-3	–	wwdww	w 11
A Villa (h)	1-2	1-0	2-1	2-0	2-0	wdll	l 10

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Blackburn	40	16	2	2	53	21	10	6	4	25	18	86	+41
2 Man Utd	38	14	4	1	39	3	9	5	5	31	21	78	+46
3 Nottm For	40	11	6	3	35	18	10	4	6	34	23	73	+28
4 Liverpool	38	12	5	3	36	12	8	5	5	27	19	70	+32
5 Newcastle	39	13	5	1	40	15	6	6	8	21	26	68	+20
6 Leeds	38	11	5	3	30	13	7	7	6	23	22	66	+18
7 Tottenham	38	10	4	5	30	21	6	8	5	30	28	60	+11
8 QPR	39	10	3	7	34	25	5	5	9	22	31	53	0
9 Wimbledon	39	9	3	7	24	24	6	5	9	22	39	53	-17
10 Arsenal	40	6	8	6	27	21	7	3	10	24	26	50	+4
11 Soton	38	7	8	4	28	24	4	8	7	27	34	49	-3
12 Chelsea	39	6	7	7	23	21	6	6	7	21	29	49	-6
13 Man City	39	8	7	5	35	25	4	5	10	15	34	48	-9
14 Sheff Wed	40	6	7	7	22	25	6	5	9	23	30	48	-10
15 Coventry	38	7	6	6	21	22	4	7	8	18	34	46	-17
16 West Ham	38	8	4	6	24	18	4	5	11	16	28	45	-6
17 Everton	38	8	7	4	28	20	2	7	10	12	28	44	-8
18 Aston Villa	39	5	8	6	24	23	5	5	10	23	31	43	-7
19 C Palace	38	5	6	9	15	23	5	6	7	14	17	42	-11
20 Norwich	40	8	7	5	26	20	2	5	13	9	31	42	-16
21 Leicester	40	5	5	10	27	36	1	4	15	15	41	27	-35
22 Ipswich	39	4	3	12	22	33	2	3	15	11	55	24	-53

Endsleigh Insurance League

FIRST DIVISION

BARNSLEY (1) 2 **SHEFFIELD UTD** (1) 1
O'Connell 16, 48 Rogers 41
10,844

BRISTOL CITY (0) 1 **READING** (1) 2
Tinnion 86 Lovell 18
9,474 Nogan 59

BURNLEY (1) 1 **SUNDERLAND** (1) 1
Eyres (pen) 36 Smith 16
15,121

CHARLTON ATH (1) 1 **PORT VALE** (1) 1
Brown 43 Foyle 33
12,596

DERBY COUNTY (0) 1 **SOUTHEND UTD** (2) 2
Mills 63 Gridelet 22
12,528 Jones 39

GRIMSBY TOWN (0) 0 **WOLVERHAMPTON** (0) 0
10,112

NOTTS COUNTY (1) 1 **WATFORD** (0) 0
White 4 5,083

OLDHAM ATH (2) 3 **BOLTON WDRS** (1) 1
McCarthy 31, 35 McGinlay 38
Rickers 51 11,901

STOKE CITY (2) 4 **MILLWALL** (2) 3
Scott 16 Dixon 22
Gleghorn 40, 65 Webber 45
Keen 90 Oldfield 50
9,111

SWINDON TOWN (0) 0 **PORTSMOUTH** (1) 2
9,220 Radosavljevic 40
Burton 55

Yesterday

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 2 **LUTON TOWN** (0) 1
Hendrie 45, 72 Taylor 63
23,903

WEST BROMWICH (1) 5 **TRANMERE RVRS** (0) 1
Donovan 41 Aldridge 66 (pen)
Ashcroft 62, 68, 70 (pen) 17,486
Taylor 84

SECOND DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM C (2) 3 **BRIGHTON** (1) 3
Dominguez 8 Munday 41
Shearer 25 Storer 46
Ward 80 Chapman 67
19,006

BRADFORD CITY (0) 0 **BLACKPOOL** (1) 1
5,036 Ellis 1

BRENTFORD (0) 1 **BOURNEMOUTH** (0) 2
Abrahams 67 Mean 55
10,079 Jones 74

CAMBRIDGE UTD (1) 1 **HUDDERSFIELD** (1) 1
Granville 27 Booth 24
5,188

CARDIFF CITY (0) 0 **BRISTOL RVRS** (0) 1
5,462 Stewart 87

CHESTER (0) 1 **LEYTON ORIENT** (0) 0
Bishop 60 1,596

HULL CITY (2) 3 **WREXHAM** (1) 2
Dewhurst 4 Connolly 31
Lund 20 Hughes 73
Windass 54 3,683

SHREWSBURY T (1) 1 **CREWE ALEXANDRA** (2) 2
Smith 3 Collins 18
4,381 Barr 32

STOCKPORT CO (1) 1 **PETERBOROUGH** (0) 1
Armstrong 28 Morrison 86
4,387

WYCOMBE WDRS (0) 1 **PLYMOUTH ARGYLE** (1) 2
Bell 47 Hill 5
6,850 Landon 65

YORK CITY (0) 2 **ROTHERHAM UTD** (0) 0
Baker 69, (pen) 80 3,183

Yesterday

OXFORD UTD (1) 1 **SWANSEA CITY** (1) 2
Rush 23 Freestone 33 (pen)
5,244 Chapple 56

THIRD DIVISION

BARNET (1) 2 **NORTHAMPTON** (2) 3
Freedman 31 Burns 23
Inglethorpe 67 Thompson 37
2,796 Warburton 59

COLCHESTER UTD (0) 0 **CARLISLE** (0) 1
3,333 Reeves 58

DARLINGTON (0) 0 **CHESTERFIELD** (1) 1
3,387 Lormor 35

DONCASTER RVRS (0) 1 **SCARBOROUGH** (0) 0
Jones 59 1,710

EXETER CITY (0) 0 **FULHAM** (0) 1
3,388 Brazil 68

GILLINGHAM (0) 0 **HEREFORD UTD** (0) 0
4,208

LINCOLN CITY (0) 0 **BURY** (2) 3
3,928 Pugh 24, 45
Stant 88

MANSFIELD TOWN (1) 2 **TORQUAY UTD** (1) 2
Onuora 33 Darby 18
Wilkinson 48 Barrow 76
3,216

PRESTON NE (2) 3 **HARTLEPOOL UTD** (0) 0
Moyes 11 9,129
Holmes 16
Davey 51

ROCHDALE (1) 1 **WIGAN ATHLETIC** (0) 0
Whitehall (pen) 28 1,949

WALSALL (0) 2 **SCUNTHORPE** (0) 1
Palmer 69 Gregory 60
Lightbourne 78 4,539

SENDINGS OFF

First division: Hodges (Sheffield United), 85; Lever (Grimsby Town), 85.

Second division: Cooper (Birmingham City), 39.

Third division: Brabin (Doncaster Rovers), 90; Calvert (Scarborough), 90; Finnegan (Fulham), 52; Deary (Rochdale), 33.

GOALSCORERS

First division: 27 Fjortoft (Middlesbrough, 25 for Swindon). 25 Aldridge (Tranmere Rovers); 22 Creaney (Portsmouth); Kelly (Wolverhampton Wanderers). 21 Whyte (Charlton Athletic). 19 Foyle (Port Vale); McGinlay (Bolton Wanderers). 18 Blake (Sheffield United); Malkin (Tranmere Rovers); Nogan (Reading, 9 for Watford).

Second division: 39 Bennett (Wrexham). 28 Booth (Huddersfield Town). 25 Forster (Brentford); Goater (Rotherham United). 24 Taylor (Brentford), Moody (Oxford United). 23 Jepson (Huddersfield Town); Stewart (Bristol Rovers). 22 Francis (Birmingham City, 13 for Stockport County); Claridge (Birmingham City).

Third division: 28 Freedman (Barnet). 27 Stant (Bury, 15 for Cardiff City); Lightbourne (Walsall). 25 Wilkinson (Mansfield Town). 22 Reeves (Carlisle).

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

DUNDEE UTD (0) 0 **HIBERNIAN** (0) 1
8,376 McGinlay 90

FALKIRK (0) 1 **CELTIC** (1) 2
Rice (pen) 49 O'Donnell 5
9,912 Boyd 79

HEARTS (0) 1 **ABERDEEN** (0) 2
McPherson 64 Dodds (pen) 61, 85
11,466

KILMARNOCK (0) 0 **PARTICK** (0) 0
9,201

RANGERS (0) 0 **MOTHERWELL** (1) 2
43,576 Arnott 12
McSkimming 80

FIRST DIVISION

DUNFERMLINE (0) 0 **AIRDRIE** (0) 0
6,603

HAMILTON (0) 1 **AYR** (0) 0
Lorimer 89 1,073

ST JOHNSTONE (0) 1 **RAITH** (0) 2
McMartin 59 Preston (og) 62
5,092 Crawford 90

ST MIRREN (0) 1 **DUNDEE** (0) 0
Hewitt 55 2,976

STRANRAER (0) 0 **CLYDEBANK** (1) 1
460 Robertson 5

SECOND DIVISION

BERWICK (3) 3 **G MORTON** (2) 4
Hawke 5, 16, 38 Lilley 21, (pen) 27
992 Collins 58
Rajamaki 86

CLYDE (0) 3 **STENHOUSEMUIR** (0) 2
McCheyne 48, 71 Haddow 53
Muir 82 Hutchinson 83
1,159

DUMBARTON (1) 2 **QUEEN OF SOUTH** (1) 2
Meechan 26 Marsland (og) 41
Mooney 53 McKeown 80
1,369

EAST FIFE (1) 1 **STIRLING** (0) 2
Beaton 26 McLeod 52
550 Mitchell 78

MEADOWBANK (1) 2 **BRECHIN** (0) 1
McCartney 35 McNeill 84
Graham 55 144

THIRD DIVISION

ALLOA (1) 5 **ALBION** (0) 0
Moffat 21, 46, 77, 88 324
Conway 64

ARBROATH (0) 2 **CALEY THIS** (0) 0
Gardner 48, (pen) 58 515

MONTROSE (0) 1 **EAST STIRLING** (0) 0
McGlashan 71 858

QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0 **FORFAR** (1) 2
607 Hannigan 22, 78

ROSS COUNTY (1) 2 **COWDENBEATH** (0) 0
Grant 20 1,379
Macleod 56

SENDINGS OFF

Premier division: Patric (Dundee United), 39; Hunter (Hibernian), 39.

First division: Petrie (Dunfermline), 73; Davies (Airdrie), 39; Smith (Hamilton), 17.

Second division: Young (Berwick), 25.

CONFERENCE

ALTRINCHAM (0) 1 **MERTHYR TYDFIL** (0) 0
Green 48 703

BATH CITY (1) 1 **MACCLESFIELD** (0) 0
Crowley 6 779

FARNBOROUGH (1) 1 **SOUTHPORT** (2) 4
Denny 9 McDonald 41
781 Gamble 45, 81
Penman 56

HALIFAX TOWN (1) 1 **KIDDERMINSTER** (0) 2
Bancroft (og) 45 Deakin 72
1,754 Yates 85

KETTERING TOWN (0) 3 **YEOVIL TOWN** (0) 2
Arnold 53 Black 72
Alford 63, 73 Wilson 80
1,155

NORTHWICH VIC (1) 1 **WELLING UTD** (0) 1
Abel 15 Dennis 65
805

STAFFORD RAN (1) 1 **DOVER ATHLETIC** (0) 0
Mardenborough 44 522

STEVENAGE BOR (0) 0 **RUNCORN** (1) 1
1,449 Thomas 39

TELFORD UTD (1) 2 **BROMSGROVE R** (0) 2
Griffiths 3 Gray 52
Donnelley 46 Taylor 53
916

WOKING (1) 4 **STALYBRIDGE** (0) 1
Walker 35, (pen) 75 Frain 55
Fielder 74 1,555
Crumplin 88

Yesterday

DOVER ATHLETIC (0) 0 **MACCLESFIELD** (0) 0
874

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Macclesfield	40	14	3	3	39	15	10	4	6	29	20	79
2 Woking	38	10	8	2	42	23	8	4	5	27	25	69
3 Altrincham	40	10	3	8	34	27	10	4	5	43	29	67
4 Southport	40	11	4	4	42	20	8	5	8	22	29	66
5 Stevenage	41	10	4	7	40	27	9	3	8	25	22	64
6 Gateshead	41	12	4	5	28	13	6	6	8	31	39	64
7 Kettering	40	12	5	4	40	25	5	5	9	26	28	61
8 Halifax	41	11	6	4	46	20	5	6	9	19	34	60
9 Runcorn	41	11	7	2	38	25	5	3	13	20	43	58
10 Kidderminster	40	6	5	9	27	26	10	4	6	35	31	57
11 Northwich	41	7	8	6	39	30	7	6	7	34	32	56
12 Bromsgrove	41	9	7	4	40	31	5	6	10	24	34	55
13 Farnborough	41	8	5	8	23	31	7	4	9	21	32	54
14 Bath	40	9	6	5	33	36	4	6	10	19	30	51
15 Dag & Red	41	7	5	8	25	30	5	8	8	28	37	49
16 Welling	40	9	2	9	31	33	4	6	10	23	38	47
17 Telford	40	9	8	3	30	30	1	7	11	20	37	46
18 Dover	40	5	10	4	25	22	5	6	10	30	30	46
19 Stalybridge	40	9	5	5	27	24	2	8	11	23	45	46
20 Merthyr	40	10	4	6	36	25	1	7	12	15	34	44
21 Yeovil	40	5	6	8	22	24	3	6	12	21	40	35
22 Stafford	40	4	4	11	25	32	4	5	11	24	45	34

Yeovil deducted one point

Gill Whyte, the captain of Arsenal, and Pauline Cope, the goalkeeper, celebrate yesterday after beating Liverpool 3-2 to lift the women's FA Cup

OVERSEAS

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Seraing 3 St Trond 0; Beveren 2 RSC Charleroi 1; Aalst 2 RWD Molenbeek 0; Lierse 3 Ostend 1, Lommel 3 Ghent 1; FC Bruges 2 Mechelen 0. Leading positions: 1, Standard Liege, played 30, 46pts, 2, FC Bruges, 31, 45; 3, Anderlecht, 30, 44

DUTCH LEAGUE: Roda JC Kerkrade 2 Groningen 1; PSV Eindhoven 1 Volendam 1; NAC Breda 2 Twente Enschede 1; Sparta Rotterdam 2 Heerenveen 0; RKC Waalwijk 2 Feyenoord 1; Vitesse Arnhem 2 MVV Maastricht 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Ajax	29	22	7	0	89	25	51
Roda JC	30	19	9	2	54	23	47
Eindhoven	30	18	7	5	74	36	43
T Enschede	30	17	7	6	62	40	41
Feyenoord	30	17	5	8	60	44	39
Vitesse	30	13	11	6	49	36	37
Willem II	30	12	8	10	40	40	32
Waalwijk	30	10	9	11	40	42	29
Heerenveen	30	10	6	14	43	54	26
FC Volendam	30	7	12	11	29	41	26
NAC Breda	30	9	7	14	46	53	25
FC Groningen	30	8	9	13	43	54	25
FC Utrecht	29	7	9	13	35	51	23
Sparta	30	7	8	15	37	54	22
Maastricht	30	7	7	16	38	59	21
Nijmegen	30	6	7	17	40	57	19
GA Eagles	30	4	9	17	32	69	17
Dordrecht'90	30	4	7	19	29	60	15

FRENCH LEAGUE: Caen 3 St Etienne 0; Cannes 2 Strasbourg 2; Lille 0 Montpellier 0; Lyons 2 Le Havre 0; Metz 0 Nantes 2; AS Monaco 6 Lens 0; Nice 1 Rennes 0; Paris Saint-Germain 3 Martigues 0; Bastia 1 Sochaux 0. Leading positions: 1, Nantes, played 34, 73; 2, Lyons, 33, 62; 3, Paris Saint-Germain, 33, 60.

GERMAN LEAGUE: Borussia Dortmund 2 Dynamo Dresden 0; VfB Stuttgart 0 Bayern Munich 2; Bayer Uerdingen 0 Karlsruhe 0; Munich 1860 2 Borussia Mönchengladbach 0; Kaiserslautern 3 VFL Bochum 1; Schalke 04 3 Bayer Leverkusen 2; SV Hamburg 3 MSV Duisburg 0; FC Cologne 2 Freiburg 0. Leading positions: 1, Borussia Dortmund, played 28, 41 points; 2, Werder Bremen, 27, 39; 3, Kaiserslautern, 28, 39.

JAPANESE LEAGUE: JEF Ichihara 2 Gamba Osaka 2 (JEF won 4-3 on pens); Kashiwa Reysol 2 Cerezo Osaka 1; Bellmare Hiratsuka 4 Shimizu S-Pulse 1; Yokohama Flugels 4 Nagoya Grampus Eight 3; Kashima Antlers 1 Urawa Red Diamonds 0 (aet) Verdy Kawasaki 3 Jubilo Iwata 2 (aet); Yokohama Marinos 1 Sanfrecce Hiroshima 0. Leading positions (after 12 matches): 1, Kashima Antlers 30pts; 2, Yokohama Marinos 27; 3, Gamba Osaka 22.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Brescia 1 Parma 2; Fiorentina 1 Juventus 4; Foggia 2 Bari 2; Genoa 2 Sampdoria 1; Internazionale 0 Cremonese 0; Lazio 0 Cagliari 0; Padova 0 AS Roma 0; Reggiana 0 AC Milan 4; Torino 1 Napoli 1. Leading positions: 1, Juventus, played 29, 64pts; 2, Parma, 29, 56; 3, Milan, 29, 51.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Real Zaragoza 1 Athletic Bilbao 4.

NON-LEAGUE AND NATIONAL LEAGUES

UNIBOND

Premier division: Accrington Stanley 1 Gainsborough 2; Boston 2 Spennymoor 3; Colwyn Bay 3 Chorley 2; Emley 1 Hyde 3; Guiseley 2 Droylsden 0; Marine 2 Bishop Auckland 0; Matlock 1 Barrow 1; Morecambe 1 Buxton 1, Winsford 1 Witton 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Marine	41	28	11	2	81	27	95
Morecambe	41	28	9	4	99	34	93
Guiseley	41	27	9	5	91	50	90
Hyde	41	21	10	10	87	58	73
Boston Utd	41	19	11	11	75	41	68
Spennymoor	41	19	11	11	64	51	68
Buxton	42	18	9	15	65	62	63
Gainsboro	42	16	13	13	69	61	61
B Auckland	42	16	12	14	68	55	60
Barrow	41	17	5	19	66	66	56
Witton	42	14	14	14	54	58	56
Colwyn B	40	16	7	17	71	76	55
Emley	41	14	13	14	61	66	55
A Stanley	42	12	13	17	55	77	49
Knowsley	41	11	14	16	64	78	47
Matlock	40	13	5	22	57	72	44
Winsford	42	10	11	21	56	75	41
Chorley	41	11	7	23	63	85	40
Frickley	40	10	10	20	52	76	40
Droylsden	42	10	8	24	56	93	38
Horwich	41	9	4	28	49	92	31
Whitley B	41	7	8	26	44	96	29

First division: Alfreton 0 Gretna 3, Atherton LR 0 Goole 1; Blyth Spartans 4 Farsley Celtic 0; Caernarfon 2 Netherfield 0, Eastwood 3 Mossley 3; Fleetwood 1 Ashton 0, Great Harwood 2 Harrogate 2; Lancaster 2 Congleton 1; Workington 0 Bamber Bridge 1; Worksop 0 Warrington 1; Goole 0 Gretna 3.

BEAZER HOMES

Premier division: Atherstone 1 Gloucester 0, Chelmsford 0 Trowbridge 1; Cheltenham 1 Cambridge City 1, Corby 0 Gravesend and Northfleet 2; Dorchester 3 Halesowen 1; Gresley 1 Sittingbourne 1, Hastings 1 Burton 1; Hednesford 3 Leek 0; Solihull 0 VS Rugby 3; Sudbury 0 Crawley 0; Worcester 1 Rushden and Diamonds 1. Dr Martens Cup: Final: Second leg: Leek 1 Hastings 3 (Hastings win 4-1 on agg).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hednesford	41	28	9	4	97	46	93
Cheltenham	40	24	11	5	84	36	83
Gloucester	41	22	8	11	75	46	74
Burton	41	20	14	7	54	38	74
Dorchester	40	19	9	12	82	58	66
Rushden D	39	18	10	11	95	61	64
Leek Town	39	18	10	11	65	53	64
Cambridge C	41	18	8	15	60	54	62
Gresley R	41	16	12	13	69	63	60
Worcester	40	13	14	13	43	34	53
Halesowen	41	14	10	17	80	78	52
Gravesend N	41	13	12	16	38	55	51
Hastings	40	12	14	14	53	55	50
Crawley	40	13	10	17	58	68	49
Atherstone	41	12	12	17	50	65	48
VS Rugby	41	10	14	17	47	61	44
Chelmsford	40	12	6	22	52	80	42
Solihull	41	9	15	17	37	64	42
Sudbury	40	11	9	20	47	75	42
Sittingbne	40	10	9	21	47	70	39
Trowbridge	40	9	12	19	40	54	39
Corby	40	4	10	26	35	104	21

Corby Town deducted 1 point for fielding ineligible player

Midland division: Bedworth 1 Rothwell 4; Buckingham 2 Tamworth 2; Dudley 3 Nuneaton 2; Forest Green 0 Leicester 2, Grantham 2 Moor Green 1, Ilkeston 1 Evesham 3; Newport AFC 2 Hinckley 2, RC Warwick 4 King's Lynn 0; Redditch 1 Bilston 1; Stourbridge 0 Bridgnorth 2; Sutton Coldfield 3 Armitage 0. Southern division: Ashford 6 Bashley 1; Baldock 3 Tonbridge 1; Clevedon 4 Bury 1; Fareham 1 Braintree 0; Fisher 93 0 Weston-Super-Mare 1, Havant 3 Burnham 1; Newport IOW 1 Margate 1, Poole 0 Witney 0; Waterlooville 0 Salisbury 2; Wealdstone 4 Weymouth 1; Yate 3 Erith and Belvedere 1; Ashford 6 Weymouth 0.

DIADORA

Premier division: Aylesbury 5 Dulwich 3; Bromley 1 Chesham 3; Enfield 1 Walton and Hersham 1; Harrow 1 Sutton 3; Hayes 1 Hendon 1; Hitchin 4 Marlow 2; Kingstonian 0 Yeading 1; Molesey 0 Slough 2; Purfleet 0 St Albans 4; Wokingham 0 Bishop's Stortford 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Enfield	40	26	9	5	99	42	87
Slough	40	22	12	6	78	49	78
Hayes	40	20	13	7	62	41	73
Aylesbury	40	20	6	14	83	57	66
Bromley	42	18	11	13	76	67	65
Hitchin	40	17	12	11	67	58	63
Molesey	40	18	8	14	63	55	62
St Albans	41	16	13	12	95	81	61
Kingstonian	40	16	8	16	61	51	56
Yeading	39	14	14	11	59	54	56
Carshalton	41	16	8	17	66	81	56
Harrow	40	16	6	18	61	66	54
Purfleet	41	13	12	16	76	89	51
Dulwich	40	14	9	17	66	80	51
Walton H	41	13	11	17	72	72	50
Sutton Utd	40	12	11	17	67	65	47
Hendon	41	11	14	16	55	65	47
Grays	41	10	16	15	52	61	46
Chesham	40	12	9	19	60	79	45
B Stortford	41	11	11	19	51	75	44
Marlow	40	9	9	23	48	84	33
Wokingham	40	6	8	26	38	83	26

First division: Barking 1 Wembley 4, Basingstoke 1 Billericay 2; Berkhamsted 1 Whyteleafe 0; Dorking 2 Boreham Wood 1; Newbury 0 Leyton 2; Ruislip Manor 2 Abingdon 1, Staines 3 Heybridge Swifts 0; Tooting and Mitcham 0 Aldershot 1: Uxbridge 0 Chertsey 2; Wivenhoe 1 Bognor Regis 1; Worthing 3 Maidenhead 0. Second division: Banstead 3 Ware 2; Bracknell 1 Metropolitan Police 2, Chalfont St Peter 3 Oxford City 1; Cheshunt 1 Hemel Hempstead 1, Croydon 4 Malden Vale 0; Edgware 3 Aveley 2; Hampton 2 Hungerford 1. Thame 3 Saffron Walden 2; Tilbury 1 Leatherhead 0; Windsor and Eton 3 Barton 2; Witham 1 Egham 1. Third division: Clapton 3 Bedford 3; Cove 1 Epsom and Ewell 0; East Thurrock 1 Camberley 0; Feltham and Hounslow 1 Northwood 3, Flackwell Heath 0 Leighton 1; Harefield 0 Canvey Island 1, Hertford 0 Southall 3; Hornchurch 4 Lewes 0; Horsham 4 Harlow 3; Tring 1 Collier Row 3.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Arnold 1 Maltby MW 2; Ashfield 2 Thackley 3, Belper 3 Hallam 0; Brigg 1 Stocksbridge PS 0; Glasshoughton Welfare 1 North Ferriby 2; Liversedge 4 Ossett Town 0, Ossett Albion 0 Lincoln 5; Pontefract Collieries 2 Pickering 1; Armthorpe Welfare 2 Hucknall 0.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chatteris 0 Harwich and Parkeston 6; Cornard 1 Newmarket 1; Great Yarmouth 0 Halstead 1; Histon 1 Diss 2; Lowestoft 3 Hadleigh 1; Sudbury 3 Soham 1; Tiptree 0 Wisbech 1; Wroxham 2 March 0.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool Rovers 2 Newcastle Town 3; Bootle 1 Prescot 0; Chadderton 3 Darwen 2; Glossop North End 4 Salford 0; Holker Old Boys 0 Bradford Park Avenue 4; Kidsgrove 1 Penrith 1; Maine Road 2 Nantwich 1; Skelmersdale 1 Clitheroe 8; St Helens 1 Trafford 3, Eastwood Hanley 3 Bacup 3.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia 0 RTM Newcastle 3, Dunston FB 2 Guisborough 1; Ferryhill 2 Murton 1; Northallerton 0 Whitby 1, Prudhoe 1 Shildon 4, Seaham Red Star 0 Consett 5; Tow Law 3 Peterlee 1; West Auckland 1 Chester-le-Street 1.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Crediton 2 Bridport 1, Elmore 3 Calne 1; Frome 0 Tiverton 6; Liskeard 1 Westbury 2, Odd Down 2 Torrington 3; Paulton 0 Barnstaple 3; Saltash 1 Mangotsfield 1; Liskeard 2 Mangotsfield 1.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Leyton Orient 2 Ipswich 0; Millwall 2 Tottenham 3; Norwich 4 Cambridge Utd 0, Portsmouth 2 Chelsea 4, QPR 3 Gillingham 1. Second division: Brighton 1 Brentford 2; Bristol City 6 Reading 0: Colchester 4 Southampton 1; Crystal Palace 2 Luton 0; Swindon 0 Oxford 0, Tottenham 0 Wimbledon 2.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Portsmouth 0 Southampton 4

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool 0 Manchester Utd 1.

ESSEX SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bowers 1 Ford 2; East Ham 1 Maldon 2; Gt Wakering 4 Hullbridge Sports 1, Southend Manor 2 Romford 2.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Totton 6 Christchurch 2; Andover 2 East Cowes 5; Bemerton Heath Harl 2 Portsmouth RN 1; Bournemouth 1 Thatcham 2; Brockenhurst 2 Swanage and Herston 0; Cowes Sports 0 Fleet 2; Eastleigh 2 BAT 0; Gosport 3 Lymington 0; Petersfield 2 Aerostructures 1; Ryde Sports 3 Horndean 2; Wimborne 7 Downton 1.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barkingside 2 Brook House 0; Cockfosters 2 St Margaretsbury 2; Croydon Athletic 2 Amersham 0; Hanwell 5 Corinthian Casuals 3, Haringey 0 Beaconsfield Sycob 3, Waltham Abbey 2 Hillingdon 0; Walthamstow Pennant 0 Tower Hamlets 1.

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Blakenall 0 Pelsall Villa 0; Darlaston 4 Bilston 1; Hill Top Rangers 3 Gornal Athletic 3, Ludlow 0 Stafford 2; Manders 3 Cradley 2. Stourport Swifts 3 Malvern 1; Tividale 0 Ettingshall HT 4; Westfields 3 Bloxwich Strollers 0.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Cinderford 9 Carterton 0, Cirencester 1 Almondsbury 2; Highworth 2 Abingdon 2; North Leigh 2 Kintbury 1; Pegasus Juniors 4 Banbury 1; Swindon Supermarine 0 Fairford 2, Tuffley 4 Bicester 0.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Barwell 0 Willenhall 3; Boldmere Swifts 3 Rushall 1; Halesowen Harr 1 Chasetown 4; Hinckley Athletic 2 Knypersley 1; Pershore 1 Boldmere St Michaels 1; Shepshed D 1 Rocester 1; Shifnal 1 Brierley Hill 1; West Midlands Police 1 Stapenhill 2.

PARASOL COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ash 2 Ashford 1; Peppard 1 Farnham 1; Viking Sports 1 Horley 1; Westfield 0 Godalming and Guildford 1; Cranleigh 1 Sandhurst 1.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Arundel 0 East Grinstead 0; Burgess Hill 0 Peacehaven/Telscombe 6; Crowborough 1 Wick 2; Hailsham 2 Portfield 1; Langney Sports 1 Shoreham 1; Oakwood 1 Eastbourne 1; Stamco 3 Pagham 2.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Beckenham 4 Darenth Heathside 0; Cray 2 Slade Green 2; Crockenhill 0 Chatham 3; Dartford 6 Faversham 0, Deal 7 Kent Police 2; Furness 5 Canterbury 1; Greenwich 0 Corinthian 1; Ramsgate 1 Thamesmead 1; Sheppey 4 Folkestone Invicta 0; Whitstable 3 Herne Bay 1

SKOL MIDLAND FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Premier division: Bloxwich 5 Chelmsley 2, Coleshill 1 Olton Royale 1, Knowle 4 Sherwood Celtic 3; Northfield 1 Handrahan Timbers 1; Upton 2 Meir KA 2.

PARASOL COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ash 2 Ashford 1; Hartley Peppard 1 Farnham 1; Viking Sports 1 Horley 1; Westfield 0 Godalming and Guildford 1; Cranleigh 1 Sandhurst 1. Postponed: Wintney v Chipstead.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Arlesey 2 Dunstable 0; Buckingham 1 Welwyn GC 0; Harpenden 5 Biggleswade 1; Hatfield 1 Letchworth GC 3, Milton Keynes 2 Wingate and Finchley 2; Potters Bar 1 Hoddesdon 2; Royston 1 Shillington 0.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardinal Manning 1 Wilsonians 0; Hamptonians 0 Glyn 1; Meadonians 0 Aloysians 0; Danes 0 Ignatians 0 Senior first division: Edmontonians 2 Suttonians 10; Tiffinians 4 Wokingians 0. Senior second division: John Fisher 1 Camdenians 2. Postponed: Manorians v Westhamians. Senior third division: Latymer R 2 Chorleywood 3; Grocers 2 Phoenix R 2; Glyn R 2 Salvatorians 1.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Aldenhamians 1 Malvernians 5; Reptonians 1 Brentwoods 0. First division: Cholmeleians 3 Salopians 1.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division: Crouch End Vampires 0 South Bank Poly 2; East Barnet OG 4 Nat West Bank 1; Norsemen 0 Civil Service 0; Old Latymerians 2 Midland Bank 1 Second division: Old Stationers 2 Alexandra Park 1; Old Parkonians 4 Old Westminster Citizens 1; Old Bromleians 5 Lloyds Bank 0; Kew Association 4 Old Parmiterians 2; Barclays Bank 5 Cuaco 1. Third division: Old Salesians 0 Old Lyonian 1.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Senior First: Nottsborough 2 Ulysses 2; Parkfield 4 Old Owens 0. Senior Second: Albanian R 1 Ealing Association 1; Corinthian Casuals 0 Hale End 4; Old Fairlopians 1 Honourable Artillery Co 4. Senior Third: Brent 1 Westerns 0; City of London 1 Birkbeck College 1; Old Colfeians 1 Fulham Compton Ob 3; Old Monovians 4 Old Woodhouseians 4. Senior Fourth: Broadfields 11 Cardinal Pole 0; Old Simmarobians 2 Mayfield 1; Pegasus 1 Bournside 2.

WOMEN'S FA CUP: Final: Liverpool 2 Arsenal 3

NATIONAL

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Barry 3 Newtown 0; Caersws 4 Conwy 1, Flint 1 Afan Lido 2; Inter Cardiff 0 Bangor City 0, Llanelli 6 Maesteg Park 1; Llansantffraid 0 Ebbw Vale 0; Mold 3 Ton Pentre 7.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bangor City	38	27	7	4	96	26	88
Afan Lido	38	24	7	7	80	36	79
Ton Pentre	38	23	8	7	84	50	77
Newtown	38	20	8	10	78	47	68
Cwmbran	38	20	7	11	69	49	67
Flint Town	38	20	3	15	77	60	63
Barry Town	38	16	11	11	71	57	59
Holywell	38	16	10	12	62	55	58
Llansan'ffraid	38	15	10	13	57	57	55
I Cardiff	38	14	11	13	58	43	53
Rhyl	38	16	5	17	74	69	53
Conwy	38	14	7	17	60	65	49
Ebbw Vale	38	12	9	17	51	57	45
Caersws	38	11	11	16	57	64	44
Connah's Q	38	12	7	19	57	78	43
Porthmadog	38	11	7	20	57	73	40
Aberystwyth	38	9	12	17	57	75	39
Llanelli	38	10	6	22	64	104	36
Mold	38	10	4	24	57	90	34
Maesteg Pk	38	2	6	30	23	113	12

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 2 Bangor 0; Ballyclare 7 Omagh 2; Carrick 1 Larne 2; Cliftonville 2 Crusaders 2; Coleraine 0 Ballymena 0; Glentoran 2 Linfield 2; Newry 0 Distillery 3; Portadown 2 Glenavon 4.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Crusaders	30	20	7	3	58	25	67
Glenavon	30	18	6	6	76	40	60
Portadown	30	15	5	10	59	41	50
Ards	30	15	5	10	55	42	50
Glentoran	30	14	8	8	53	41	50
Cliftville	30	13	11	6	44	32	50
Coleraine	30	12	13	5	52	39	49
Linfield	30	11	11	8	48	34	44
Omagh Town	30	10	12	8	42	38	42
Distillery	30	12	6	12	45	47	42
Bangor	30	8	14	8	42	38	38
Carrick	30	7	7	16	46	75	28
Ballymena	28	6	8	15	35	53	26
Ballyclare	30	5	6	19	39	66	21
Newry	23	4	9	16	34	66	21
Larne	30	3	4	23	18	69	13

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1	1	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1

FORECAST: Telephone claims for 23 and 24pts; possible jackpot with eight score draws and seven no-score draws.

Endsleigh Insurance League

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Middlesbro	45	15	4	4	41	19	8	8	6	25	20	81	66
2 Reading	45	11	7	4	32	20	11	3	9	24	23	76	56
3 Bolton	44	16	5	1	42	12	5	7	10	23	31	75	65
4 Wolves	44	15	4	3	38	17	6	7	9	37	42	74	75
5 Tranmere	44	17	2	2	49	21	5	6	12	16	35	74	65
6 Barnsley	44	15	5	2	41	18	5	6	11	20	30	71	61
7 Derby	45	12	6	5	44	23	6	6	10	21	26	66	65
8 Sheff Utd	45	11	9	2	38	20	5	8	10	33	34	65	71
9 Grimsby	45	12	7	4	38	19	5	7	10	25	34	65	61
10 Watford	44	12	6	3	29	16	5	7	11	19	29	64	48
11 Millwall	45	11	7	4	35	21	5	6	12	24	38	61	59
12 Oldham	44	12	7	4	34	21	4	4	13	24	37	59	58
13 Charlton	44	11	6	6	33	25	5	5	11	24	37	59	57
14 Southend	45	12	2	8	30	24	5	6	12	21	48	59	51
15 Stoke	44	10	6	6	30	20	5	8	9	16	30	59	46
16 Luton	45	8	6	8	33	27	7	7	9	26	34	58	59
17 Port Vale	45	11	4	7	29	23	4	8	11	28	40	57	57
18 Portsmouth	45	9	7	6	30	27	6	5	12	22	35	57	52
19 West Brom	45	13	3	7	33	24	3	6	13	16	31	57	49
20 Sunderland	45	5	11	6	20	20	7	6	10	19	23	53	39
21 Burnley	45	8	7	8	36	33	3	5	14	12	40	45	48
22 Swindon	44	8	6	8	25	27	3	5	14	25	45	44	50
23 Bristol City	45	8	8	7	26	28	3	3	16	15	34	44	41
24 Notts Co	44	7	8	8	26	28	2	4	15	18	34	39	44

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Birmingham	44	15	5	2	53	18	9	8	5	29	18	85	82
2 Brentford	45	14	4	5	44	15	11	5	6	35	22	84	79
3 Huddersfield	45	14	5	3	44	19	8	10	5	34	28	81	78
4 Bristol Rvrs	45	15	6	1	46	18	7	9	7	22	20	81	68
5 Crewe	44	13	2	6	43	31	11	5	7	34	35	79	77
6 Wycombe	45	13	7	3	36	19	7	8	7	23	27	75	59
7 Oxford Utd	45	13	6	4	30	18	8	5	9	35	33	74	65
8 York	45	13	4	6	37	21	8	4	10	29	29	71	66
9 Hull	44	13	6	4	40	18	7	5	9	26	35	71	66
10 Swansea	45	10	8	4	23	12	9	6	8	34	32	71	57
11 Stockport	45	12	3	8	40	29	7	5	10	23	30	65	63
12 Blackpool	45	11	4	7	39	34	7	6	10	24	34	64	63
13 Wrexham	45	10	7	5	38	26	6	8	9	27	37	63	65
14 Bradford	44	8	6	9	29	32	8	5	8	28	31	59	57
15 Peterboro	45	7	10	5	25	26	7	7	9	28	40	59	53
16 Brighton	45	8	10	4	24	15	5	7	11	29	38	56	53
17 Rotherham	45	11	6	5	35	26	2	8	13	21	35	53	56
18 Shrewsbury	45	9	9	5	34	27	4	5	13	20	32	53	54
19 Bournemth	45	8	4	10	27	34	4	7	12	19	35	47	46
20 Cambridge	45	8	9	6	33	28	2	6	14	18	41	45	51
21 Plymouth	45	7	5	10	21	35	5	4	14	23	47	45	44
22 Cardiff	45	5	6	12	25	31	4	4	14	21	43	37	46
23 Chester	45	5	6	12	23	42	0	5	17	13	42	26	36
24 L Orient	45	6	6	10	21	28	0	2	21	9	46	26	30

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Carlisle	40	14	5	1	33	11	12	5	3	31	16	88	64
2 Chesterfield	40	11	6	2	23	6	12	5	4	36	27	80	59
3 Walsall	40	15	3	3	42	18	8	7	4	31	21	79	73
4 Bury	40	12	6	1	37	12	10	4	7	34	23	76	71
5 Preston	41	13	3	5	37	17	6	7	7	20	22	67	57
6 Mansfield	41	10	5	6	45	27	8	6	6	37	29	65	82
7 Doncaster	41	9	5	7	28	20	8	5	7	28	20	61	56
8 Scunthorpe	41	11	2	7	38	29	6	6	9	28	33	59	66
9 Fulham	41	10	5	5	34	22	5	9	7	21	32	59	55
10 Colchester	41	8	5	8	29	30	8	4	8	25	32	57	54
11 Barnet	41	8	7	6	37	27	7	4	9	17	33	56	54
12 Lincoln	41	10	7	4	34	22	4	4	12	17	32	53	51
13 Torquay	41	9	8	3	32	24	4	5	12	19	32	52	51
14 Rochdale	41	8	6	7	25	23	4	8	8	19	39	50	44
15 Wigan	41	6	6	8	25	28	7	4	10	25	30	49	50
16 Hereford	41	8	6	6	19	17	3	7	11	23	43	46	42
17 Gillingham	41	8	7	6	31	25	2	4	14	14	36	41	45
18 Northamptn	41	7	5	8	23	28	2	9	10	20	38	41	43
19 Darlington	41	7	5	9	25	24	4	3	13	17	31	41	42
20 Hartlepool	41	8	5	7	30	30	2	5	14	10	37	40	40
21 Scarboro	41	4	7	9	25	29	4	3	14	23	39	34	48
22 Exeter	41	5	5	11	25	36	3	5	12	10	32	34	35

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Rangers	34	11	4	2	30	13	9	4	4	29	18	68	+28
2 Motherwell	34	7	6	4	27	23	6	6	5	21	25	51	0
3 Falkirk	34	8	3	6	26	22	4	8	5	22	23	47	+3
4 Hibernian	33	8	6	2	33	17	2	10	5	10	17	46	+9
5 Celtic	32	5	8	3	19	16	4	9	3	14	13	44	+4
6 Kilmarnock	34	8	4	5	21	14	3	6	8	18	30	43	-5
7 Hearts	34	8	4	5	24	14	3	3	11	17	34	40	-7
8 Partick	33	4	8	5	23	23	5	3	8	13	25	38	-12
9 Dundee Utd	34	6	6	5	24	19	3	3	11	15	34	36	-14
10 Aberdeen	34	6	7	4	22	15	2	4	11	17	30	35	-16

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Raith	34	8	7	2	27	18	11	3	3	27	14	67	+22
2 Dunfermline	34	10	5	2	33	10	7	8	2	28	21	64	+30
3 Dundee	34	10	4	3	32	17	8	4	5	26	16	62	+23
4 Airdrie	34	7	6	4	22	13	10	4	3	27	17	61	+19
5 St Johnstone	34	9	6	2	34	14	4	8	5	22	22	53	+20
6 Hamilton	34	9	2	6	23	22	4	4	9	18	26	45	-7
7 St Mirren	34	6	5	6	18	17	1	7	9	13	30	33	-16
8 Clydebank	34	3	6	8	18	24	4	5	8	12	20	32	-14
9 Ayr	34	5	5	7	19	24	0	6	11	8	32	26	-29
10 Stranraer	34	3	4	10	15	32	1	1	15	10	41	17	-48

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 G Morton	34	10	5	1	30	11	6	5	7	22	22	58	+29
2 Dumbarton	34	12	4	2	43	16	4	5	7	12	17	57	+22
3 Stirling	34	8	3	5	28	18	8	4	8	28	23	55	+11
4 Stenhsmuir	34	6	10	1	22	13	7	4	6	22	24	53	+7
5 Clyde	34	8	5	5	33	25	6	5	5	20	20	52	+8
6 Berwick	34	9	6	2	21	13	5	4	8	29	31	52	+6
7 East Fife	34	7	3	8	31	27	4	6	6	15	26	42	-7
8 Queen of S	34	4	3	9	22	26	5	8	5	21	25	38	-8
9 Meadowbnk	34	6	2	9	15	21	4	3	10	21	33	32	-18
10 Brechin	34	4	4	9	15	25	2	1	14	7	37	23	-40

Meadowbank deducted three points

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Forfar	34	12	3	1	36	15	11	2	5	25	17	74	+29
2 Montrose	34	8	4	5	29	16	10	3	4	32	15	61	+30
3 Ross County	34	9	1	7	33	23	9	5	3	24	15	60	+19
4 East Stirling	34	10	1	6	27	19	7	3	7	30	28	55	+10
5 Alloa	34	7	4	7	23	20	8	4	4	26	22	53	+7
6 Arbroath	34	6	3	9	21	23	7	1	8	28	34	43	-8
7 Caledonian T	34	4	6	6	23	32	7	2	9	21	28	41	-16
8 Cowdenbth	34	4	4	8	22	31	7	2	9	25	24	39	-8
9 Queen's Pk	34	7	2	9	21	27	4	3	9	22	29	38	-13
10 Albion	34	3	0	14	16	37	2	3	12	10	39	18	-50

هكذا من الأصل

How would Celtic Swing, the new wonder horse, fare against the cream of previous generations?

The race begins for a place in classic history

Four of the great postwar 2,000 Guineas winners: El Gran Senor (1984, left) Nijinsky (1970, upper centre), Brigadier Gerard (1971, lower centre) and Dancing Brave (1986). Who will prove best of these champions, over a mile?

Welcome to Newmarket on this historic day which sees the greatest race staged at the headquarters of Flat racing. The post-war 2,000 Guineas has brought together the finest field of classic milers imaginable and will help to answer a question which hovers above any sport — who is the greatest of them all?

The ten runners have been selected by *Timeform*, the internationally-respected racing analysts based in Halifax, and include the outstanding winners of the 2,000 Guineas during the past half century — ranging from Tudor Minstrel in 1947 to Zafonic in 1993. Completing the line-up is Celtic Swing, who is already being called a "wonder horse" and is odds-on for the 1995 running of the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket on Saturday.

Just how good is the unbeaten colt, trained at Angmering Park by Lady Herries and owned by Peter Savill? Does he merit the hyperbole and, more importantly, how would he stand up against the best of previous generations?

In alphabetical order, the runners are headed by **Bolkonski**, ridden by Gianfranco Dettori, who put up a brilliant performance to beat Grundy, the subsequent Derby winner, by half a length in 1975. Despite finishing a good second in the Craven Stakes, the Henry Cecil-trained Italian-owned horse started at 33-1 for the 2,000 Guineas. The race was delayed 15 minutes by demonstrating stable lads and 24 runners were sent off by flag in front of the stalls. The Balidar colt, out of a Dante mare, subsequently won the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot and the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood.

Richard Evans sets the scene for the *Race of Legends*. **Tomorrow:** the race, with commentary by Peter O'Sullevan

Brigadier Gerard beat Mill Reef handsomely by three lengths here in 1971, and during an outstanding career won 17 of his 18 starts over distances ranging from five to 12 furlongs. By any standards, a great horse. An offer of £250,000 from Daniel Wildenstein was rejected by connections prior to his three-year-old career and the powerful colt came to Newmarket for the 2,000 Guineas without a preparatory race, unlike My Swallow, a 2-1 shot, and Mill Reef, the 6-4 favourite. Starting at 11-2 in the first single-figure field this century — only six runners went to post — Brigadier Gerard tracked his better-fancied rivals before being set alight by Joe Mercer running into the Dip.

Celtic Swing is the best two-year-old to run in Britain since the official classifications began in 1977 and his record-breaking 12-length victory in last year's Racing Post Trophy prompted *Timeform* to say he was "comparable with the best we've seen".

Dancing Brave showed himself a brilliant miler, quickening clear in the manner of El Gran Senor, when winning here in 1986. Ridden by Greville Starkey, he established his mastery in a matter of strides and stormed up the hill to win by three lengths from Green Desert. The best horse never to win the Derby, he went on to win the Eclipse, the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

***El Gran Senor**, ridden by Pat Eddery,* beat one of the best 2,000 Guineas fields when he had Chief Singer, Lear Fan and Rainbow Quest in his immediate wake in 1984. Vincent O'Brien, trainer of Robert Sangster's Northern Dancer colt, placed the performance on a par with that of Nijinsky and Sir Ivor. During an eight-race career he met with defeat only once, when just failing to stay the Derby trip.

Nijinsky, the last winner of the Triple Crown, towered above his contemporaries and was one of the best Derby winners since the war. Sent off at 7-4 on for the 2,000 Guineas in 1970, he moved majestically to the start and returned every bit as impressively to score unextended from Yellow God. Perhaps, the best horse Lester Piggott has ridden.

Nonoalco arguably never received the credit he deserved, winning all but two of his nine starts over a mile or less and there were genuine excuses for both defeats. Ridden here in 1974 by Yves Saint-Martin, the François Boutin-trained colt floored the 9-4 on chance, Apalachee, with a finishing burst which confirmed him to be a top-class miler.

Sir Ivor wintered in Italy before his three-year-old career and in 1968 turned out to be the best 2,000 Guineas winner for many a year. According to *Timeform*, his achievement was one of the most remarkable in that his jockey (Lester Piggott) rode in a manner which suggested almost complete disdain for the quality of the opposition. He went on to win the Derby, Champion Stakes and Washington International.

Tudor Minstrel, ridden by Gordon Richards, put up an unforgettable display here in 1947, with a time performance to match. Officially the winning margin was eight lengths; according to Phil Bull, founder of *Timeform*, it was nearer ten or 11. The Fred Darling-trained colt could be named the winner at halfway, making all the running and never being out of a canter as those behind tried in vain to keep tabs on the leader. "A world-beater," according to Bull, between five and seven furlongs, but his stamina limitations made him vulnerable beyond a mile.

Zafonic, described by André Fabre as the best two-year-old he had trained, lived up to his reputation here in 1993 when winning the 2,000 Guineas in the style of an exceptional performer. Definitely at his best on fast ground, he produced a magnificent burst of speed in a race run at a blistering gallop to win by three and a half lengths from Barathea, the subsequent Irish 2,000 Guineas winner. Sadly, he was retired after his next race, the Sussex Stakes, where he was found to have broken a blood vessel.

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RUNNERS FOR THE RACE OF LEGENDS

1. BOLKONSKI
Year: 1975
Owner: C d'Alessio
Trainer: H Cecil
Jockey: G Dettori

2. BRIGADIER GERARD
Year: 1971
Owner: Mrs J Hislop
Trainer: W Hern
Jockey: J Mercer

3. CELTIC SWING
Year: 1995
Owner: P Savill
Trainer: Lady Herries
Jockey: K Darley

4. DANCING BRAVE
Year: 1986
Owner: K Abdulla
Trainer: G Harwood
Jockey: G Starkey

5. EL GRAN SENOR
Year: 1984
Owner: R Sangster
Trainer: M V O'Brien (Ire)
Jockey: Pat Eddery

6. NIJINSKY
Year: 1970
Owner: C W Engelhard
Trainer: M V O'Brien (Ire)
Jockey: L Piggott

7. SIR IVOR
Year: 1968
Owner: R Guest
Trainer: M V O'Brien (Ire)
Jockey: L Piggott

8. TUDOR MINSTREL
Year: 1947
Owner: J A Dewar
Trainer: F Darling
Jockey: G Richards

9. NONOALCO
Year: 1974
Owner: Mme M Berger
Trainer: F Boutin (Fr)
Jockey: Y Saint-Martin

10. ZAFONIC
Year: 1993
Owner: K Abdulla
Trainer: A Fabre (Fr)
Jockey: Pat Eddery

LADBROKES' BETTING
7-2: Tudor Minstrel
4-1: El Gran Senor
9-2: Sir Ivor
6-1: Brigadier Gerard, Nijinsky
8-1: Zafonic
10-1: Dancing Brave
14-1: Celtic Swing
16-1: Bolkonski
25-1: Nonoalco

Celtic Swing has an early chance to do battle with the best

Brentford bow to pressure

Alix Ramsay watches the play-offs loom after a 2-1 defeat by Bournemouth

"IT'S not a smile, it's a grimace, and, by this time, it's caked on," was about the best David Webb, the Brentford manager, could say after his side had been beaten for the second time in four days. Losing to Birmingham City on Wednesday had all but dashed his team's chances of automatic promotion to the first division of the Endsleigh Insurance League and the defeat on Saturday simply emphasised it.

Still, Webb is a cheery soul. In a fraught match of five bookings, four of them for Bournemouth, he was not looking for excuses. "I can't be disappointed with anything. We've had our chances but we've just got to look at ourselves," he said. "It was our own fault. The quality is still there but we defended badly and made mistakes that we're not used to making. We're doing things the hard way."

More than 10,000 nervous faces turned up at Griffin Park to see whether Brentford could at least keep the pressure on Birmingham at the top of the table and whether Bournemouth could clamber out of the relegation mire at the bottom.

Fear was the order of the day as both sides needed to win, but were terrified to lose. Nobody wanted to be the one to make the fatal mistake.

As a result, the first half was a miserable affair with Bournemouth scared to leave their own half and Brentford wary in front of goal. If you do not shoot, nobody can accuse you of missing.

Suddenly, though, ten minutes into the second half, Bournemouth changed the rules. A duff header out of defence and Mean found the ball at his feet. Before he had time to worry about the consequences, he cracked in a shot from 25 yards and Bournemouth were ahead.

As the desperation set in, Brentford flung everything towards the Bournemouth goal. Webb swapped Stephenson, who had tried to create chances from midfield but had little reward, for Mundee, who likes a more direct approach. The reshuffle awoke the troops and, at last, there was a game to watch. As the tempers began to fray, Abrahams, who had looked the most likely source of profit for Brentford all afternoon, equalised with a snap volley that made its way through at least one pair of legs before beating Andrews in goal.

Getting back on level terms, however, did little to settle the nerves and it was Ashby who cracked first. Left flat-footed as Jones ran rings round him, he was perfectly placed to admire the Bournemouth man's shot as it flew over Dearden and into the net.

In the four minutes of stoppage time, Brentford won six corners but could do nothing with them. As the Bournemouth supporters began a chant of "staying up, staying up", the Brentford faithful realised they were on their way to Wembley — hardly the place for those of a nervous disposition.

BRENTFORD (4-4-2): K Dearden — C Hutchings, B Ashby, J Bates, B Statham — P Abrahams, S Ratcliffe, P Smith, P Stephenson (sub: D Mundee, 63min) — R Taylor, N Forster (sub: D McGhee, 82)
BOURNEMOUTH (4-4-2): I Andrews — R Murray, M Morris, N Young (sub: M McElhatton, 63), R Beardsmore — A Pennock, S Robinson (sub: M Holland, 71), S Mean, J Bressett — S Fletcher, S Jones
Referee: A Butler

Contract offer to Klinsmann

TOTTENHAM Hotspur are ready to offer Jürgen Klinsmann, the Football Writers' Association's footballer of the year, a new deal to keep him at White Hart Lane for another season. It will be enough, the club hopes, to see off competition for his services from Bayern Munich and a clutch of leading Italian clubs.

Klinsmann scored the late equaliser that frustrated Arsenal in a 1-1 draw at Highbury on Saturday, but then refused to commit himself any further to Tottenham, other than saying that he plans to discuss his future with Alan Sugar, the chairman, and Gerry Francis, the manager, when the season is over. Francis and Sugar are not prepared to wait that long.

"Alan and I will be sitting down with Jürgen within the next few days," Francis said. "I'm optimistic he will stay." Klinsmann, who joined Tottenham from AS Monaco for £2 million last summer, has a year of his contract still to run at White Hart Lane, but a "get-out" clause in it has alerted other clubs to the chance of signing him.

Knighton leads the celebration

Keith Pike sees Carlisle United crowned after a 1-0 victory at Colchester United

RARELY can a championship have been secured on the back of such a mediocre performance as this, and yet never can a chairman's joy at victory have been so unrestrained. Show Michael Knighton a pitch and, it seems, he feels compelled to run onto it, but few were begrudging him his leap over the perimeter wall at Layer Road on Saturday.

Knighton, who liked Manchester United so much he tried to buy the company but who ended up with Carlisle United instead, had spent the closing ten minutes crouched behind the bench where Mick Wadsworth, the coach, sat with legs crossed, lead under threat and nerves frayed. Carlisle, 16 points clear at one stage, were trying to fall over the finishing line, and with the final whistle came the Endsleigh Insurance League third division title and an explosion of emotion.

Knighton high-fived and hugged everybody from centre forward to steward, before allowing himself to be carried on the shoulders of Carlisle's jubilant followers. Predictable stuff perhaps from a man not averse to a spot of publicity, but his passion for the game cannot be doubted, either. Whether juggling a ball in front of the Stretford End or juggling finances at Brunton Park, Knighton seems to do everything with an engagingly eccentric flourish — and a camera crew not far behind.

"We will be partying all the way back to Carlisle and then for several weeks," Knighton said. "I expect to be comatose by the time I get off the coach." It is hard to imagine Jack Walker or Sir Jack Hayward saying the same, but then there is no law that says the expanding breed of independently wealthy backers of football clubs have to be reclusive. Knighton may not be in their league, and will not simply throw money at Carlisle, but, if he keeps his wallet tucked away, he does wear his heart on his sleeve.

Neither do many of them have Knighton's ability to lurch from boyish enthusiasm to Churchillian *gravitas* via cliché and mixed metaphor either. "I said to the team that if Stephen Hendry can get 147 points in 11 minutes, then we can get three in 90," he said. "I am so pleased for everyone, they have deserved it over the season, but I was worried because it is never over until you have heard the final whistle and today we have potted the black. This is my finest hour." Precisely.

This was probably not the weekend to remind Knighton that he sees Norwich City as the role model for smaller clubs, but then he is aiming higher than that anyway. As Reeves's 58th-minute header earned a highly fortuitous victory over Colchester, it was hard to share Knighton's vision for Carlisle — a place in the European Cup, a packed, modern stadium and the world's best youth scheme, all by 2002 — but harder still to knock him for trying.

COLCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): C Emberson — M Kinsella, A McCarthy, G Caesar, P Gibbs — C Fry, A Dennis, T Putney, R Reinelt (sub: C Asaba, 65min) — M Cheetham, S Whitton.
CARLISLE UNITED (4-3-3): A Caig — D Edmondson, D Walling, J Robinson, A Gallimore — P Conway, S Hayward, R Prokas — R Thomas (sub: J Thorpe, 57), D Reeves, D Currie (sub: J Joyce, 78).
Referee: S Dunn.

JULIAN HERBERT

Michael Hills conjures a determined challenge from Pentire, right, who landed the Thresher Classic Trial at Sandown on Saturday

Lingfield threatens to drop jumps

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

LINGFIELD racecourse is considering following the example of Nottingham and scrapping jump racing.

The confirmation yesterday by Nigel Kent-Lemon, chairman of Lingfield, that his board is already actively discussing the option of a Flat only programme will cause an outcry among National Hunt followers and underlines the impact on the sport of all-weather racing.

However, there are understandable reasons for Lingfield adopting such a stance. The Surrey track faces a dilemma after the recent publication of a report into the future of all-weather racing which said any expansion "should only be contemplated when it can be demonstrated that it would serve the needs of racing as a whole."

Kent-Lemon said yesterday: "Our major difficulty is that we get bombarded with requests from trainers all the time to put on more all-weather fixtures in November and December, because the turf Flat season has ended and people want to keep horses in training for the blanket period of January, February and March.

"There are too few opportunities to race because horses continually get balloted out and we are not able to put on more fixtures because the Levy Board and British Horseracing Board (BHB) will not allow us to.

RICHARD EVANS

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Next best: Iron N Gold
(7.00 Windsor)

"One of the options we have to consider is converting our jump fixtures into all-weather fixtures. We see them being more important to the racing industry and ourselves. We have not taken any decision but it is an option and we are discussing it internally."

He added: "If you look at the record of cancellations and flooding during the National Hunt season we have difficulties anyway."

In theory, Lingfield could scrap half of its eight jumps meetings in order to stage extra all-weather fixtures in November and December but it would not be cost-effective just to have four National Hunt meetings. In addition, all-weather races were filled to capacity last year while small fields in jump races tended to be the norm.

One solution suggested for the November-December log-jam by the all-weather report was to have extra turf Flat meetings during those months. "We think that is possible but you don't get good crowds and the expense of opening the turf course and the problem of the weather makes it more sensible to have all-weather races."

Kent-Lemon's arguments reflect the growing demand for all-weather racing but will be of little comfort to National Hunt supporters who are in danger of resembling an oppressed minority, caught between a potentially dangerous pincer of animal rights campaigners and the all-weather code.

David Nicholson, the champion trainer who is leading the campaign against Nottingham's proposed change, said yesterday: "You could see this coming and the development of all-weather racing has not helped at all.

"Personally, I think the Levy Board, the BHB and Racecourse Holdings Trust (RHT) are being extremely weak. The RHT, which owns Cheltenham as well as Nottingham, should subsidise Nottingham rather than mucking about building a cross-country course at Cheltenham."

Results from Saturday's seven meetings.. Page 32

Looking to the future, he added: "Jumping is going to be seriously restricted, I am sad to say. I'm lucky: I've had a good time, but it will be hard for the next generation. There will be Flat racing people, and just a few jumpers."

Meanwhile, at the start of an historic week, the build-up for the Madagans 2,000 Guineas begins in earnest with both Celtic Swing and Pennekemp scheduled to have their final work-outs tomorrow. Lady Herries, trainer of the Peter Savill-owned colt, said yesterday that Celtic Swing had come out well "touch wood" from the Greenham Stakes at Newbury "and will probably have a blow on Tuesday."

Paul Cole is slightly more optimistic about the chances of Sri Pekan recovering from a tweaked muscle in his hind quarters and running in the season's first classic on Saturday.

"He will be left in the race provided he is sound tonight. Things are going better than I thought but he missed a main gallop scheduled for Saturday. If we can't get a gallop into him this week he definitely won't run and if we do, he will have to work well to run. He has not had a race and needs to be spot-on for the Guineas."

Double puts Williams on 17 mark

EVAN WILLIAMS, a farmer from the Vale of Glamorgan, has enjoyed a high strike rate in the last two months and rode two more winners on Saturday at the **Berkeley** point-to-point to put him on the 17 mark for the season (Brian Beel writes).

Scally's Daughter and Down The Mine were both from Dick Baimbridge's stable, as was Nepher Gobions, who won a division of the restricted under Geoffrey Barfoot-Saunt.

Ron Treloggen won the Hunt race on Chita's Cone and then went on to the **Tiverton** to win a division of the Maiden race on Countryside. Earlier at this meeting, Polly Curling crept nearer to the record 37 winners in a season by scoring on Still In Business and on the 8-1 chance Earl Boon. Her total, with a possible seven or eight meetings still to come, now stands at 33.

The most successful rider on Saturday was Pip Jones who had a treble at the **Llangeinor**, where her brother, Tim, won the restricted on 12-1 chance Tricky Dex. At the same meeting Damien Duggan, runner-up in last season's title race, increased this year's tally by two to 12.

FLAT LEADERS

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
R Hollinshead	25	28	36	1	-80.27
C Brittain	21	15	18	2	+24.05
J Berry	21	16	22	4	-58.38
J Gosden	19	11	6	9	+12.25
M Channon	17	13	13	2	+11.70
Mrs N Macauley	16	5	15	36	+50.00
P Haslam	15	10	6	4	-9.62
J Dunlop	14	8	10	3	-2.92
P Cole	14	8	10	2	+44.77
M Johnston	14	33	23	1	-103.42

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
L Dettori	58	52	38	7	-59.06
J Weaver	56	54	45	1	-69.06
R Cochrane	34	26	22	6	-48.99
T Ives	32	22	21	11	-27.09
K Darley	30	19	16	3	+50.97
B Doyle	21	14	14	11	+47.18
J Carroll	18	13	11	4	-6.29
T Quinn	18	10	15	3	+28.02

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2.45 L' Ami Louis
3.15 Emnala
3.45 Jato
4.15 Aljawab
4.45 Milngavie
5.15 Zaralaska

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 L'AMI LOUIS.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.15 CONCER UN (nap). 5.15 Zaralaska.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 — B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.45 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND TOTE MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,163: 5f) (7 runners)

101 (1) CREATIVE ACCOUNT (P Leonard) Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 K Fallon —
102 (2) 2 L'AMI LOUIS 11 (Oak Cliff Foals of 1993 Plus 2) J Gosden 9-0 L Dettori [illegible]
103 (7) PEKAY (T & Mrs M Holdcroft) J Berry 9-0 G Carter —
104 (3) PRIME CONNECTIONS (G Boland) M Bielby 9-0 A Culhane —
105 (5) PRIMO LAD (P Coombes) W G M Turner 9-0 G Duffield —
106 (6) 4 TADEO 11 (J Good) M Channon 9-0 R Hughes 77
107 (4) THEATRE MAGIC (M O'Horan) T Etherington 9-0 J Fortune —

BETTING: 4-7 L'Ami Louis, 9-2 Pekay, 7-1 Tadeo, 10-1 Creative Account, 14-1 Primo Lad, 16-1 Theatre Magic, 25-1 Prime Connections.

1994: BREAK THE RULES 9-0 K Darley (7-2) S Norton 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

CREATIVE ACCOUNT (foaled Feb 13) Second foal, by Time For A Change; dam placed in listed company in North America. L'AMI LOUIS 2l 2nd of 7 to Locayan Prince in maiden at Newmarket (5f, good to firm). PEKAY (Mar 4; cost 38,000gns). Half-brother by Puissance to several winners, notably Komad, juvenile winner and later group I winner in Germany. PRIMO LAD (Feb 15). Brother by Primo Dominie to very useful 5f-6f winner Sarcita, dam 5f winner at four years. TADEO about 3¾l 4th of 8 to Montrestar in Ripon maiden (5f, good to firm).
Selection: L'AMI LOUIS

3.15 TOTE CREDIT SELLING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,497: 1m 4f 8yd) (10 runners)

201 (5) 046-140 HIGH FLOWN 98 (G) (Haggswood Partnerships) Ronald Thompson 9-5 M Birch 86
202 (6) 0- AFRICANNIGHTINGALE 200 (M Tompkins) M Tompkins 8-12 S Mulvey (5) —
203 (4) 000 HE'S SPECIAL 33 (R Parsons) C Cyzer 8-12 G Duffield —
204 (3) 000- PREMAZING 184 (Exdeco) J Pearce 8-12 R Hills —
205 (7) 0050 SERGIO 87 (H Thompson) M Chapman 8-12 C Munday (7) 67
206 (10) 05-0065 BITTER N TWISTED 32 (R Morecombe) S Kettlewell 8-7 J Fortune 74
207 (8) 00-0 BOUNDLESS 32 (R Harding) B Meehan 8-7 B Doyle 77
208 (9) 065-500 EMNALA 14 (C Buckle) M Channon 8-7 J Stack (5) [illegible]
209 (2) 000- NIVASHA 184 (W Jackson) M Bell 8-7 K Fallon 81
210 (1) 65-6455 RISKY ROSE 27 (M Johnson) R Hollinshead 8-7 L Dettori 77

BETTING: 4-1 Risky Rose, 9-2 Nivasha, 5-1 High Flown, 6-1 Africannightingale, 7-1 He's Special, Emnala, 8-1 Bitter N Twisted, 10-1 Boundless, 12-1 others.

1994: FLORA BELLE 8-7 M Roberts (2-1 fav) Lord Huntingdon 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

HIGH FLOWN best effort this year, beat Samana Cay 10l in 10-runner seller at Southwell (AW, 7f). HE'S SPECIAL 19l 8th of 9 to Bencher in maiden at Lingfield (AW, 7f). SERGIO about 11¾l 5th of 6 to Almuhtaram in maiden auction at Wolverhampton (Aw, 1m 100yd) on penultimate start. BITTER N TWISTED 26½l 5th of 7 to Sarasota Storm in maiden auction at Edinburgh (1m 3f, good to soft). EMNALA 10l 7th of 14 to Moktbar in maiden at Folkestone (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start. NIVASHA 11l 11th of 30 to Domappel in seller at Newmarket (1m, good to soft) with PREMAZING (3lb worse off) 10l 23rd. RISKY ROSE 6¾l 5th of 19 to Boldly So in selling handicap at Nottingham (1m 2f, good).
Selection: RISKY ROSE

3.45 TOTE DUAL FORECAST HANDICAP
(£6,264: 6f) (13 runners)

301 (7) 600-106 CASTLEREA LAD 16 (CD,F,G) (Mrs T Graham) R Hollinshead 6-10-0 L Dettori 98
302 (9) 001124- KING RAT 192 (D,F,G) (P Daniels) T Etherington 4-9-9 M Birch [illegible]
303 (12) 00000-0 TWO MOVES IN FRONT 36 (CD,F,G,S) (R Aird) J Berry 5-9-9 G Carter 94
304 (5) 000430- JATO 212 (CD,F,G) (Mrs M Southcott) S Williams 6-9-9 G Hind 94
305 (13) 00000-0 BENZOE 16 (D,S) (T Fawcett) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-4 S D Williams —
306 (1) 30300-4 SOBERING THOUGHTS 10 (CD,F,G) (Mrs L Campion) J Eyre 9-9-1 J Fortune 93
307 (6) 221005 BELLA PARKES 10 (B,CD,F,G,S) (J Barton) D Nicholls 4-8-13 Alex Greaves 94
308 (3) 5454-31 CHIMING IN 12 (CD,F) (B Hathaway) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-11 K Fallon 98
309 (10) 106600- GENERAL GUBBINS 240 (D,F) (P Urquhart) J Hetherton 4-8-9 B Thomson 90
310 (8) 06000-4 LOVE LEGEND 18 (CD,F,G,S) (G Thompson) D Arbuthnot 10-8-5 B Doyle 97
311 (2) 01000-5 BLUE GRIT 21 (CD,F,G,S) (C Wilson) M Dods 9-8-4 W Woods 93
312 (11) 135500- TUTU SIXTYSIX 224 (F,G) (D E Incisa) D E Incisa 4-8-1 Kim Tinkler 89
313 (4) 06060-0 CAFE SOLO 27 (D,S) (J White) N Bycroft 4-7-10 N Kennedy 94

BETTING: 9-2 Chiming In, 5-1 Castlerea Lad, 6-1 Bella Parkes, 7-1 King Rat, 8-1 Two Moves In Front, Sobering Thoughts, 10-1 Love Legend, 12-1 Jato, 14-1 others.

1994: BLUE GRIT 8-8-11 J Weaver (5-2 fav) M Dods 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

CASTLEREA LAD best effort this season, beat Domolfa ¾l in 22-runner handicap at Doncaster (6f, good to firm) with BELLA PARKES (9lb better off) 5¾l 12th and TWO MOVES IN FRONT (7lb better off) 11l 17th. KING RAT 4¾l 4th of 21 to Wolf Power in claimer at Doncaster (7f, good to soft). JATO two heads 3rd of 27 to Master Of Passion in handicap at Ayr (6f, good to soft) on penultimate start Sep 1994, with TWO MOVES IN FRONT (10lb better off) 5l 11th and BENZOE (11lb better off) 5l 21st. SOBERING THOUGHTS 5¾l 4th of 16 to African Chimes in handicap at Thirsk (7f, good to firm) with BELLA PARKES (2lb better off) short-head 5th. CHIMING IN beat Arasong 1½l in 12-runner handicap over course and distance (firm). BLUE GRIT 4½l 5th of 10 to Doo Pepe in handicap at Edinburgh (7f, good).
Selection: BLUE GRIT

4.15 TOTE BOOKMAKERS LIMITED STAKES
(£3,081: 1m 4yd) (20 runners)

401 (14) 3010-54 WENTBRIDGE LAD 23 (B,D,G,S) (P Freeman) B McMahon 5-9-10 L Dettori 80
402 (4) 20050-0 ALJAWAB 25 (S Khaled) J Dunlop 4-9-8 B Thomson 96
403 (18) 02000-0 AWESOME VENTURE 10 (S) (Market Rasen Club) M Chapman 5-9-8 C Munday (7) —
404 (12) 300500- BEE DEE BEST 126 (B Foster) J Smith 4-9-8 C Hodgson (3) 67
405 (3) 645/600- DESERT ZONE 275 (S) (Lavender Hill Leisure) J L Harris 6-9-8 P Robinson —
406 (2) 500000- GANT BLEU 182 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Button) R Whitaker 8-9-8 A Culhane 76
407 (1) 12020-0 JOHNNIE THE JOKER 10 (B,F,G) (Miss M C-Smith) J Leigh 4-9-8 Dean McKeown 94
408 (7) 506050- NOBBY BARNES 182 (D,F,G) (D E Incisa) D E Incisa 6-9-8 Kim Tinkler 81
409 (16) 0000-00 REED MY LIPS 12 (Mrs D Baugh) B Baugh 4-9-8 P Roberts (7) —
410 (20) 00000-0 DALCROSS 25 (R Clowes) H Collingridge 4-9-3 M Rimmer 92
411 (11) 00-60 DOLLY DOLITTLE 93 (Mrs D Carter) H Collingridge 4-9-3 D Biggs —
412 (8) 243420- DURHAM DRAPES 226 (Durham Drapes) M H Easterby 4-9-3 M Birch 92
413 (9) 400500- STEADFAST ELITE 52J (S) (J Clayton) J J O'Neill 4-9-3 S D Williams 79
414 (19) 050030- SWEETLITTLEMYSTERY 224 (Webb/Jonas) E Alston 4-9-3 W Woods 62
415 (10) 00-3600 ZANZARA 12 (F) (J Chan) Mrs V Aconley 4-9-3 M Deering 85
416 (13) 0431 CONCER UN 31 (D,S) (Miss L J Ward) S Williams 3-8-11 G Hind 95
417 (15) 315633- SAINT AMIGO 166 (S) (E Richmond) J Eyre 3-8-9 J Fortune 91
418 (6) 1500-02 SHARED RISK 20 (G) (Longsides Racing Ltd) S Norton 3-8-9 J Stack (5) 85
419 (5) 45-3422 SHINEROLLA 2 (Mrs A Iles) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-9 K Fallon [illegible]
420 (17) 220431 THREE ARCH BRIDGE 20 (B,F,G) (R Peansell) M Johnston 3-8-6 R Hills 98

BETTING: 7-2 Shinerolla, 5-1 Concer Un, 6-1 Aljawab, Three Arch Bridge, 7-1 Shared Risk, 10-1 Wentbridge Lad, Saint Amigo, 12-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

WENTBRIDGE LAD 1¾l 4th of 16 to Lam Fort in handicap here (1m 2f, good to firm). JOHNNIE THE JOKER 7½l 7th of 16 to African Chimes in handicap at Thirsk (7f, good to firm) with AWESOME VENTURE (3lb worse off) 8½l 15th. NOBBY BARNES 8¾l 5th of 21 to Bescaby Boy in claimer at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good to soft) on penultimate start, Oct 1994. DURHAM DRAPES 1¾l 2nd of 16 to Bowcliffe in handicap at Ripon (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start. CONCER UN beat Acquittal neck in 6-runner rated maiden at Hamilton (1m 65yd, heavy). SAINT AMIGO 8l 3rd of 16 to Master Fire Eyes in handicap at Southwell (AW, 7f) with SHARED RISK (2lb better off) 20l 15th. SHINEROLLA ¾l 2nd of 18 to Hardy Dancer in handicap at Leicester (1m, good to firm). THREE ARCH BRIDGE beat SHARED RISK (2lb worse off) 7l in 12-runner handicap at Southwell (AW, 7f).
Selection: SHINEROLLA (nap)

4.45 TOTE MARATHON HANDICAP
(£4,045: 2m 5f 122yd) (15 runners)

501 (12) 150-000 BRANDON PRINCE 10 (F,G,S) (R Michaelson) I Balding 7-10-0 L Dettori 98
502 (4) 0-34446 ELBURG 10 (F) (Mrs A Gamble) R Hoad 5-9-6 K Fallon 94
503 (15) 05/15- MASTER OF TROY 9J (V,S) (Chilton Fawcett) C Parker 7-9-6 M Birch 90
504 (14) 004-000 EIGHTANDAHALF 6 (C,F) (Sonpak Potatoes) Mrs V Aconley 6-9-4 J Stack (5) 93
505 (5) 06-3103 KADIRI 6 (G) (J Bosley) J Bosley 4-9-0 G Hind 97
506 (1) /40/55/ FOX CHAPEL 47J (F,S) (B Hine) R Juckes 8-8-9 Dean McKeown —
507 (10) 0/6/13/ GRACE CARD 41J (CD,S) (G Farndon) Mrs M Reveley 9-8-7 J Fortune —
508 (8) 0/42460 MURPHYS WAY 6 (E G Heartstoppers) J Eyre 6-8-3 R Lappin 95
509 (3) 5P0003 MILNGAVIE 19 (C,F,G,S) (A Robertson) M Johnston 5-8-2 P Robinson [illegible]
510 (9) 61/0000 JALORE 4 (F,S) (Wirral Racing III) S Coathup 6-8-2 T Sprake —
511 (7) 4/05/0/ WINGS OF FREEDOM 26J (V,G) (Technical Services) J Jenkins 7-8-2 D Biggs —
512 (13) 230303 ARC BRIGHT 14 (G) (J Bugg) R Hollinshead 5-7-13 A Garth (5) 95
513 (11) 56-0404 CRISTAL SPRINGS 7 (B McMath) B McMath 4-7-11 Martin Dwyer (7) 92
514 (2) 000/46/ ONE FOR THE CHIEF 61J (V) (R Whitaker) R Whitaker 7-7-7 D Wright (3) —
515 (6) 0/50/0 MANDALAY PRINCE 6 (F,G) (Miss C Wolstenholme) T Kersey 11-7-7 N Kennedy —

Long handicap: One For The Chief 7-1, Mandalay Prince 6-12.

BETTING: 9-2 Kadiri, 5-1 Milngavie, 6-1 Grace Card, 7-1 Arc Bright, 8-1 Brandon Prince, 10-1 Wings Of Freedom, Jalore, 12-1 Fox Chapel, 14-1 others

1994: PATROCLUS 9-7-4 Darren Moffatt (4-1) J Mackie 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

ELBURG 9¾l 6th of 10 to Bold Gait in handicap at Newbury (2m, good to firm) with BRANDON PRINCE 2¾l 8th. MASTER OF TROY beat Primo Figlio ½l in 7-runner handicap at Carlisle (3m 6f, heavy) on penultimate start. KADIRI ¾l and head 3rd of 13 to Roberty Lea in handicap at here (2m 1f, good) with MURPHYS WAY (1lb worse off) 15l 7th. EIGHTANDAHALF (1l worse off) 44l 12th and MANDALAY PRINCE (6lb better off) 20l 13th. FOX CHAPEL, recent runner over hurdles, 6½l 5th of 17 to Almost A Princess in claimer at Thirsk (1m 4f, soft), May 1993. GRACE CARD, recent runner over fences, 2l and head 3rd of 12 to Contrafire in handicap at Carlisle (1m 6f, good). MILNGAVIE 1¼l 3rd of 8 to The Premier Expres in an apprentices' handicap at Hamilton (1m 4f, soft) with JALORE (6lb better off) 22l 7th. ARC BRIGHT neck and 2½l 3rd of 17 to Swordking in handicap at Nottingham (1m 6f, good to firm).
Selection: KADIRI

5.15 TOTE PLACEPOT HANDICAP (£4,110: 1m 2f 6yd) (14 runners)

601 (8) 65-0 ZARALASKA 26 (Fitocks Stud) L Cumani 4-10-0 C Hodgson (3) 82
602 (11) 0/21623- THE LONE DANCER 307 (F) (Ms A-M Jeffrey) K McAuliffe 4-9-13 R Painter (5) 83
603 (2) 005/1 OBELOS 12 (CD,F) (Lord Howard de Walden) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-8 R Hills 93
604 (9) U513-04 HAZARD A GUESS 30 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs D Ridley) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-6 K Fallon 92
605 (4) 014523 HILLZAH 12 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs P Churm) R Bastiman 7-9-6 H Bastiman (5) 96
606 (12) 0000-00 BRAILLE 26 (G,S) (Winning Feature Partners) M Meagher 4-9-4 J Fortune 88
607 (7) 221261- FLOATING LINE 167J (CD,F,S) (G Lowe) P Wigham 7-9-2 M Wigham 94
608 (10) 00/30-56 ATHERTON GREEN 16J (B,C,D,F) (Atherton and Green) J Glover 5-8-11 M Birch 89
609 (3) 05600- ACCESS CARNIVAL 202 (Miss E Williams) R Boss 4-8-11 L Dettori 87
610 (5) 350004 SPANISH STRIPPER 9 (T Satchell) M Chapman 4-8-6 C Munday (7) [illegible]
611 (6) 0U6060- BENJAMINS LAW 175 (D Lowe) J Pickering 4-8-5 Dean McKeown 89
612 (14) 200310- DIAMOND CROWN 245 (D,F) (J Pickup) M Wane 4-8-2 G Hind 83
613 (13) 040560- GOLDEN STAR 42J (D Travers-Clark) M W Easterby 4-8-1 Martin Dwyer (7) 90
614 (1) 45365-0 LOCHORE 12 (B) (L Devine) Mrs V Aconley 5-8-0 D Biggs —

BETTING: 2-1 Zaralaska, 9-2 Obelos, 6-1 Hazard A Guess, 8-1 Hillzah, The Lone Dancer, 12-1 Floating Line, 14-1 Atherton Green, Spanish Stripper, 16-1 others.

1994: BEAUMONT 4-9-5 J Quinn (9-4) J Pearce 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ZARALASKA 17l 7th of 18 to Lucky Di in maiden at Ripon (1m, good to soft). Likely to improve. THE LONE DANCER 1½l 3rd of 7 to Fawlty Towers in handicap at Chepstow (1m 2f, firm). OBELOS beat Kalou 1½l in 19-runner handicap over course and distance (good to firm) with HILLZAH (6lb better off) 1l 3rd and LOCHORE (14lb better off) 24½l 18th. HAZARD A GUESS 5¼l 4th of 15 to Gone For A Burton in handicap at Warwick (1m 3f, good to soft). FLOATING LINE beat Bahrain Star 1½l in 12-runner rated stakes over course and distance (good to soft). DIAMOND CROWN beat Sinclair Lad 1¼l in 22-runner selling handicap at Nottingham (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: THE LONE DANCER

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Dunlop	8	21	38.1	G Hind	5	22	22.7
Mrs J Cecil	5	20	25.0	D Biggs	4	23	17.4
M Dods	5	26	19.2	L Dettori	15	89	16.9
Mrs M Reveley	18	95	18.9	R Hills	12	73	16.4
J Gosden	5	27	18.5	C Hodgson	3	21	14.3
I Balding	7	40	17.5	K Fallon	14	121	11.6

WINDSOR

THUNDERER

5.30 Gulf Shaadi. 6.00 JOLIS PRESENT (nap). 6.30 Double Quick. 7.00 Red Bustaan. 7.30 Anotheranniversary. 8.00 Addaya.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

5.30 TORRISH CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,969: 1m 67yd) (19 runners)

1 (8) 000- TYKEYVOR 178J (F) Lady Herries 5-9-7 W Ryan 93
2 (3) 00/ ALLIMAC NOMIS 737J (D,F) I Campbell 6-9-5 N Adams —
3 (5) HEAD FOR HEAVEN R Hoad 5-9-5 A McGlone —
4 (12) CYRANO'S LAD 142J John Berry 6-9-1 C Dwyer —
5 (16) 3403 POP TO STANS 12 (D,F,G) J Pearce 6-9-1 Elizabeth Turner (7) 69
6 (17) 310- CAPE PIGEON 171 (D,F,G,S) L Cottrell 10-9-0 N Carlisle 80
7 (11) 0400 DOODIES POOL 82 (D,G) G L Moore 5-9-0 B Rouse 74
8 (6) /00- FORMIDABLE LASS 193 L Cottrell 4-9-0 M Fenton —
9 (9) 2000 RAGAZZO 35 (B) K Cunningham-Brown 5-9-0 W Newnes 64
10 (2) 3026 ARNDILLY 60 (B,G) B Meehan 4-8-13 T Quinn 90
11 (13) -514 ROSEATE LODGE 6 (CD,F,G) K Burke 9-8-13 A Clark 87
12 (7) 05-0 PRINCE RODNEY 114 (D,F,G,S) C Drewe 6-8-12 A Whelan (5) —
13 (19) 3116 GULF SHAADI 24 (D,G) G Lewis 3-8-9 S Whitworth [illegible]
14 (14) 0-60 BALLESTRO 16 J Ffitch-Heyes 3-8-8 Paul Eddery 65
15 (1) 00 HONEST ACHIEVER 96 A James 4-8-8 F Norton —
16 (4) HORSETRADER R Hannon 3-8-6 R Perham —
17 (15) INDIAN TREASURE D Cosgrove 3-8-1 R Price —
18 (10) 0-60 FALSE PRETENCES 25 B Pearce 3-8-0 M Baird (5) 73
19 (18) 00-0 R DRAGON 25 M Madgwick 3-7-12 Iona Wands (7) 67

7-2 Gulf Shaadi, 6-1 Pop To Stans, 8-1 Horsetrader, Roseate Lodge, 10-1 Arndilly, Cape Pigeon, 14-1 others.

6.00 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND BLUE CHARM MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,891: 5f 10yd) (10)

1 (6) BEN'A'VACHEI BOY J Bethell 9-0 W R Swinburn —
2 (9) 0 JOLIS PRESENT 16 M Ryan 9-0 W Carson [illegible]
3 (7) NORTHERN SAGA A Turnell 9-0 N Adams —
4 (4) 0 PRIDE OF KASHMIR 16 P Harris 9-0 R Cochrane 82
5 (8) 4 PRINCELY SOUND 12 M Bell 9-0 M Fenton 91
6 (10) SECRET COMMANDER T Naughton 9-0 D Holland —
7 (3) WHAT FUN R Hannon 9-0 R Hughes —
8 (2) YOUNG BUTT J Ffitch-Heyes 9-0 R Price —
9 (5) PETITE ANNIE T Mills 8-9 A Clark —
10 (1) 0 RED SKY DELIGHT 35 P Butler 8-9 S Drowne (5) —

7-2 What Fun, Princely Sound, 4-1 Jolis Present, 7-1 Petite Annie, Pride Of Kashmir, 10-1 Ben'a'vachei Boy, Secret Commander, 12-1 others.

6.30 STORACALL HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £5,680: 5f 10yd) (16)

1 (14) -201 DOUBLE QUICK 2 (D,G,S) M Johnston 9-12 (7ex) M Hills 97
2 (9) 560- IN LOVE AGAIN 185 (D,F,G,S) M Channon 9-7 J Dennis (7) 90
3 (1) 004- MONTSERRAT 210 (CD,S) L Cottrell 9-5 N Carlisle 84
4 (2) 310- TRY TO PLEASE 200 (C,D,F,G) M Heaton-Ellis 9-4 W Woods 91
5 (5) 1-36 MUSICA 11 (D,G) M Channon 9-2 R Hughes 95
6 (13) 0-03 ENDLESS WAVE 21 (D,S) M Bell 8-11 M Fenton 96
7 (10) 200- SOLO PRIZE 156 (D,S) P Howling 8-11 W Newnes 93
8 (11) 0-50 SALLY SLADE 16 (D,F,S) C Cyzer 8-8 K Darley 93
9 (15) 20-4 CATS BOTTOM 11 (D,F) D Cosgrove 8-8 M Rimmer 92
10 (12) 225- MEDIEVAL MISS 222 G Lewis 8-8 Paul Eddery 90
11 (6) 30-0 SQUIRE CORRIE 16 L Holt 8-3 N Varley (5) 90
12 (3) 30-0 JUST DISSIDENT 10 R Whitaker 8-0 W Carson 87
13 (4) 40-0 TOP PEARL 16 (D,B,G) N Graham 7-10 G Bardwell [illegible]
14 (16) 13-0 THARWA 27 (D,G) N Callaghan 7-7 M Baird (5) 94
15 (8) 00-0 CLASSIC PET 16 C Horgan 7-7 N Adams —
16 (7) 360- YOUDONTSAY 187 R Curtis 7-7 S Lanigan (7) 89

5-1 Double Quick, 11-2 Cats Bottom, 6-1 Montserrat, 8-1 Musica, 10-1 Medieval Miss, Solo Prize, 12-1 others.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

2.30 Aston Manor. 3.00 Dakota Brave. 3.30 Quango. 4.00 Queens Consul. 4.30 Moi Canard. 5.00 Prudent Pet.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 Dakota Brave.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.30 WENSLEYDALE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,519: 6f) (9 runners)

1 5-02 ASTON MANOR 20 R Hannon 9-7 K Darley 5
2 0-00 MOST UPPITTY 14 (B,F) J Berry 9-5 J Carroll 3
3 000- KAMA SIMBA 222 N Callaghan 9-4 T Ives 8
4 3540 PRINCE RUDOLF 32 (B,D,S) Mrs N Macauley 8-11 M Fenton 7
5 4000 BENTEN 5 D Chapman 8-9 Dean McKeown 2
6 -036 SWEET MATE 98 (B) S Bowring 8-5 C Teague (5) 6
7 6060 TISH 7 A Smith 8-3 S Maloney 4
8 -065 CHARNWOOD QUEEN 5 R Armstrong 8-1 R Price 9
9 0-05 SHARTEL 97 M Johnston 7-13 T Williams 1

3-1 Aston Manor, 7-2 Most Uppitty, 4-1 Shartel, 9-2 Sweet Mate, 5-1 Charnwood Queen, 8-1 Prince Rudolf, 10-1 Kama Simba, 12-1 others.

3.00 LEICESTER CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,519: 1m 4f) (8)

1 -020 SAGASAN 61 (D,G) W Muir 4-9-3 J Carroll 2
2 1142 EL NIDO 20 (CD,F,G,S) M Camacho 7-9-0 L Charnock 8
3 4384 PALACEGATE JO 5 (CD,G,S) R Hollinshead 4-8-8 T Ives 7
4 222- DAKOTA BRAVE 170 (D,G) J Pearce 4-8-7 G Bardwell 5
5 -154 RED INDIAN 28 (CD,F,G) W Haigh 9-8-7 Dean McKeown 3
6 1140 KILLING TIME 67 (V,CD,G) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-5 M Fenton 4
7 0-0 MOLED AGAIN 7 J Bosley 4-8-5 S Sanders (3) 6
8 2530 KRISTIS GIRL 18 (C,G,S) D Haydn Jones 8-8-4 A Mackay 1

11-4 El Nido, 3-1 Dakota Brave, 4-1 Palacegate Jo, 9-2 Red Indian, 6-1 Sagasan, 8-1 Killing Time, 10-1 Kristis Girl, 12-1 others.

3.30 CHEDDAR MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,519: 1m) (7)

1 55 CLAIRESWAN 16 S Williams 9-0 M Fenton 3
2 HALFABOB D Haydn Jones 9-0 A Mackay 7
3 0 KOMIAMAITE 20 (B) S Bowring 9-0 C Teague (5) 5
4 QUANGO Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-0 T Ives 6
5 3630 TOP FELLA 20 (V) W O'Gorman 9-0 Emma O'Gorman 4
6 0 DANIEL'S LASS 7 C Allen 8-9 M Tebbutt 2
7 DONNA FUGATA C Booth 8-9 J Carroll 1

6-4 Top Fella, 3-1 Claireswan, 9-2 Quango, 6-1 Komiamaite, 10-1 Halfabob, 12-1 Donna Fugata, 20-1 Daniel's Lass.

HEXHAM

THUNDERER

5.45 Father O'Brien. 6.15 Icanspell. 6.45 Walls Court. 7.15 Black Magic Woman. 7.45 The Lorryman. 8.15 Oat Couture.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS

5.45 STUBLIC CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,520: 3m) (14 runners)

1 0421 FATHER O'BRIEN 5 (D,G) J Edwards 8-11-8 A P McCoy
2 3F16 STORMY CORAL 20 (S) C Parker 5-11-6 E Callaghan (3)
3 0055 AYLESBURY LAD 27 D Lamb 6-11-1 G Cahill (5)
4 20-0 BOWLANDS LAW 30 J Eyre 6-11-1 G Lee
5 -03P ESCADARO 62 (V) Mrs V Ward 6-11-1 F Leahy
6 040 KENTUCKY GOLD 44 D McCain 6-11-1 D McCain
7 0000 MISTI HUNTER 18 Miss M Milligan 6-11-1 G Supple (5)
8 5150 NAWRIK 20 (S) L Lungo 6-11-1 I Jardine (7)
9 5P00 NEW CHARGES 41 (G) P Beaumont 8-11-1 B Grattan (5)
10 PROOVE POSITIVE 30P J Edwards 5-11-1 B Harding
11 000F FREETOME 14 J Charlton 7-10-10 A K Smith (7)
12 6 HEATHERIDGE 27 L Lungo 5-10-10 D J Moffatt
13 JAPODENE J Hellens 7-10-10 A Larnach
14 2400 SIERRA MADRONA 30 Mrs A Swinbank 5-10-10 J K McCarthy (7)

3-1 Father O'Brien, 7-2 Stormy Coral, 5-1 Nawrik, 6-1 New Charges, Proove Positive, 8-1 Sierra Madrona, 16-1 Misti Hunter, 20-1 others.

6.15 WILKINSON MAUGHAN CLAIMING HURDLE
(£2,049: 2m) (12)

1 -2F0 BUD'S BET 30F (B,D,F) W Haigh 7-11-3 N Williamson
2 2020 EASTERN MAGIC 44 (D,G) G Barnett 7-11-1 L Arnold (7)
3 2201 HOT PUNCH 20 (F,S) H Alexander 6-11-1 D Thomas (7)
4 56RP TASHREEF 5 (B) J Birkett 5-11-1 A Jones
5 1064 TOUGH DEAL 10 (S) P Bradley 7-11-1 S Wynne (3)
6 25 EARLY TO RISE 14 Miss L Siddall 5-10-13 A Thornton
7 4P- TOTAL UP 27P T Cuthbert 6-10-13 L O'Hara
8 020 VALISKY 18 R Allan 5-10-10 S Melrose (7)
9 4061 ICANSPELL 7 (B,G) W Storey 4-10-7 J Supple (5)
10 4500 DIXIE HIGHWAY 28 R Johnson 5-10-6 K Johnson
11 453R FAMILIAR ART 14 (D,G,S) G Moore 4-10-6 N Bentley
12 003- ONE LAST CHANCE 9P R Goldie 6-10-6 R Supple

3-1 Hot Punch, 9-2 Bud's Bet, 5-1 Icanspell, 6-1 Familiar Art, 7-1 Tashreef, 8-1 Eastern Magic, 10-1 others.

6.45 GIBSON SOLICITORS NOVICES CHASE
(£3,054: 3m 1f) (12 runners)

1 20F1 SPARROW HALL 16 (F,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-10 M Dwyer
2 U031 EASTER OATS 14 (F,S) R Goldie 8-11-5 R Supple
3 P ARTHUR TOWLER 30 J Johnson 6-11-3 Mr C Bonner (5)
4 23P6 BALLY CLOVER 45 (G,S) N Henderson 8-11-3 M A Fitzgerald
5 0604 BUSY BOY 7 D Lamb 8-11-3 Mr A Manners (7)
6 0202 DOMINANT SERENADE 16 (G,S) M Hammond 6-11-3 P Niven
7 5-33 GOOD OLD CHIPS 149 K Bailey 8-11-3 N Williamson
8 00-P PREOBLAKENSKY 93 (G,S) N Mason 8-11-3 M Moloney
9 4665 SCARF 20 (S) J J O'Neill 7-11-3 R Dunwoody
10 3222 WALLS COURT 27 Mrs A Swinbank 8-11-3 J Railton
11 PU6P NUN ON THE RUN 51 J Oliver 9-10-12 B Storey
12 2131 QUIET MISTRESS 27 (S) W Bethell 5-10-3 A P McCoy

3-1 Dominant Serenade, 7-2 Sparrow Hall, 4-1 Bally Clover, 6-1 Walls Court, 8-1 Easter Oats, Good Old Chips, Scarf, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: A Whillans, 4 winners from 9 runners, 44.4%; J Edwards, 3 from 8, 37.5%; L Lungo, 13 from 51, 25.5%; G Richards, 28 from 112, 25.0%; W Reed, 10 from 57, 17.5%.

JOCKEYS: M A Fitzgerald, 4 winners from 13 rides, 30.8%; N Bentley, 15 from 50, 30.0%; P Niven, 26 from 108, 24.1%; B Harding, 4 from 17, 23.5%; M Dwyer, 12 from 59, 20.3%; A Larnach, 6 from 35, 17.1%.

7.00 DUSTY MILLER HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,843: 1m 3f 135yd) (16)

1 (2) 25-3 CROWNED GLORY 21 P Cole 9-7 T Quinn 94
2 (6) 12-5 RED BUSTAAN 14 (G) A Stewart 9-6 W R Swinburn 96
3 (11) 30-4 VIZARD 14 (B) M Heaton-Ellis 9-1 Paul Eddery 91
4 (8) 00-0 BIRTHDAY BOY 13 R Hannon 9-1 R Hughes 98
5 (16) 3-40 PAPER CLOUD 16 C Brittain 9-1 B Doyle 95
6 (12) 0-60 CHINA MAIL 14 J Eustace 8-11 R Cochrane 87
7 (3) 00-1 FUJIYAMA CREST 6 (V,F) M Stoute 8-5 (5ex) J Tate (3) [illegible]
8 (10) 0-04 SILKTAIL 14 John Berry 8-4 G Carter 94
9 (5) 0-12 LAST CORNER 16 (G) R Hollinshead 8-3 K Darley 95
10 (4) 00-5 MUCH TOO HIGH 14 T Naughton 8-1 A McGlone 91
11 (9) 100 MEGA TID 25 (G) B Pearce 8-0 S Sanders (3) 90
12 (13) 0651 POLY ROAD 14 (D,G) M Channon 8-0 C Rutter 98
13 (7) 0-50 EURO FORUM 9 G L Moore 8-0 W Carson 94
14 (15) 000- BOBBY'S DREAM 209 M Tompkins 7-9 G Bardwell 92
15 (1) 00-1 IRON N GOLD 35 (G) S Dow 7-7 F Norton 98
16 (14) 460- SORISKY 228 B Gubby 7-7 N Carlisle 84

5-1 Poly Road, 7-1 Red Bustaan, Fujiyama Crest, 8-1 Paper Cloud, Crowned Glory, 10-1 Birthday Boy, Iron N Gold, 14-1 others.

7.30 ROBERT WALTERS ASSOCIATES FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,660: 5f) (9)

1 (8) 21 KANDAVU 9 (D,G) M McCormack 8-11 A Clark 93
2 (2) 1 ANOTHERANNIVERSARY 14 (D,G) G Lewis 8-8 Paul Eddery [illegible]
3 (9) 3 GRACIOUS GRETCLO 14 C Hill 8-8 K Darley 81
4 (7) 01 SAM COLES 7 (D,F) B Meehan 8-6 B Doyle 70
5 (5) CASCADIA P Cole 8-4 T Quinn —
6 (6) HI HOH M Bell 8-4 M Fenton —
7 (4) MARL R Akehurst 8-4 G Carter —
8 (1) MYSTERY MATTHIAS Miss B Sanders 8-4 S Sanders (3) —
9 (3) TO THE WHIRE G L Moore 8-4 B Rouse —

3-1 Anotheranniversary, 7-2 Kandavu, 4-1 Cascadia, 5-1 Sam Coles, 7-1 Gracious Gretclo, Hi Hoh, 8-1 Marl, 10-1 others.

8.00 MAR LODGE MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,973: 1m 67yd) (21)

1 (20) 0- ARZANI 357 D Cosgrove 4-9-10 M Rimmer 72
2 (19) 0/0 CAERLE LAD 5 G Harwood 4-9-10 W Woods —
3 (7) -000 INDIAN FIRE 90 K Cunningham-Brown 5-9-10 W Newnes —
4 (15) SHOODAH P Hayward 4-9-10 S Raymont —
5 (4) 0-0 ADMIRAL'S GUEST 9 G Harwood 3-8-11 A Clark 75
6 (18) 60-3 CAROL'S DREAM 16 J Hills 3-8-11 M Hills 82
7 (13) 0-63 EASY DOLLAR 16 (V) B Gubby 3-8-11 R Cochrane 97
8 (12) 00- GREEN APACHE 209 T Naughton 3-8-11 G Carter —
9 (16) 4-5 JAM N SHADEED 18 P Cole 3-8-11 T Quinn 91
10 (17) 00- KINGSWOOD MANOR 293 M Dixon 3-8-11 R Hughes —
11 (3) 6 KRYSTALLOS 12 R Hannon 3-8-11 W R Swinburn [illegible]
12 (1) 0-0 MISTER RM 13 R Guest 3-8-11 M Fenton 81
13 (10) RESTRUCTURE Mrs J Cecil 3-8-11 Paul Eddery —
14 (11) 0- SENAAN 352 T Thomson Jones 3-8-11 W Carson —
15 (5) 0- SHEDANSAR 189 M Dixon 3-8-11 A Whelan (5) —
16 (14) VERDE LUNA M Tompkins 3-8-11 P Robinson —
17 (21) ADDAYA L Cumani 3-8-6 K Darley —
18 (8) 0 LIDHAMA 10 G Lewis 3-8-6 S Whitworth 86
19 (6) MY GINA M Stoute 3-8-6 D Holland —
20 (2) 30-0 NORDMAN LASS 4 Miss J Doyle 3-8-6 R Perham 80
21 (9) STEP ALOFT Lord Huntingdon 3-8-6 J Weaver —

4-1 My Gina, 9-2 Addaya, 6-1 Easy Dollar, 8-1 Krystallos, Restructure, 10-1 Carol's Dream, Jam N Shadeed, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Johnston, 4 winners from 10 runners, 40.0%; G Harwood, 8 from 27, 29.6%; L Cumani, 5 from 21, 23.8%; M Stoute, 7 from 35, 20.0%; R Hannon, 39 from 201, 19.4%; Lord Huntingdon, 8 from 47, 17.0%.

JOCKEYS: W R Swinburn, 10 winners from 49 rides, 20.4%; W Ryan, 7 from 44, 15.9%; R Cochrane, 15 from 97, 15.5%; W Woods, 4 from 27, 14.8%; M Hills, 11 from 76, 14.5%; G Carter, 5 from 38, 13.2%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Hexham: 6.15 Bud's Bet. Pontefract: 4.45 Wings Of Freedom, Master Of Troy. 5.15 Atherton Green. Southwell: 2.30 Most Uppity. 3.30 Top Fella. 5.00 Jobber's Fiddle. Windsor: 6.30 Top Pearl. 7.00 Fujiyama Crest.

4.00 BRIE HANDICAP (£3,359: 1m) (12)

1 5120 A MILLION WATTS 14 (CD,F,G) Lady Herries 4-10-0 T Ives 9
2 2-23 DUELLO 18 M Blanshard 4-9-12 Stephen Davies 7
3 2461 SOUTH FOREST 28 (C,G) S Bowring 4-9-11 C Teague (5) 2
4 0622 QUEENS CONSUL 6 (CD,F,G) B Rothwell 5-9-8 L Charnock 6
5 000- MOHICAN BRAVE 191J (B,CD,G) J L Harris 5-9-7 S Maloney 8
6 3220 MAJOR MOUSE 6 (D,F,G) W Haigh 7-9-3 Dale Gibson 10
7 3230 MARY'S CASE 32 (B) M Johnston 5-9-2 T Williams 4
8 0-02 FLASHFEET 16 K Bishop 5-9-0 J Williams 12
9 2102 INDIAN SERENADE 16 (D,G) P Harris 4-9-0 J Carroll 1
10 0-04 CRUCIS 12 B McMahon 4-8-7 S Sanders (3) 5
11 6000 SCOTTISH PARK 7 (CD,F,G,S) R Emery 6-8-0 A Mackay 11
12 2200 WELLSY LAD 5 (B,C,D,G,S) D Chapman 8-7-7 C Adamson (7) 3

4-1 Queens Consul, 9-2 Duello, 5-1 A Million Watts, 6-1 Indian Serenade, 7-1 South Forest, 8-1 Mary's Case, 10-1 Flashfeet, 12-1 others.

4.30 GLOUCESTER SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,243: 5f) (4)

1 MOI CANARD J Berry 8-11 J Carroll 3
2 5 BAILEYS BRIDE 14 M Johnston 8-6 T Williams 1
3 5 DONINGTON PARK 14 J A Harris 8-6 P McCabe (5) 4
4 50 ROYAL RIGGER 10 C Smith 8-6 J Fanning 2

5-4 Moi Canard, 7-4 Donington Park, 3-1 Baileys Bride, 12-1 Royal Rigger.

5.00 GOUDA FILLIES HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,519: 7f) (9)

1 05-1 CLOETTE 28 (CD,G) W O'Gorman 9-7 Emma O'Gorman 8
2 60-0 PRUDENT PET 23 (D,G) C Fairhurst 9-4 J Fanning 2
3 00-0 JOBBER'S FIDDLE 25 (B,D,F) D ffrench Davis 9-2 T Ives 3
4 0-32 WOODRISING 21 Lady Herries 8-13 G Duffield 7
5 4216 SAND STAR 62 (D,G) D Haydn Jones 8-9 A Mackay 9
6 0144 JOYFUL TIMES 20 (C,G) Mrs N Macauley 8-1 Amanda Sanders (7) 6
7 3250 NUTHATCH 5 M Usher 8-1 C Adamson (7) 5
8 04-0 LONGCROFT 5 K Hogg 8-0 A Daly (7) 1
9 2605 DOWDENCY 7 (D,G) J Pickering 8-0 Dale Gibson 4

3-1 Cloette, 7-2 Woodrising, 5-1 Nuthatch, 6-1 Joyful Times, 7-1 Prudent Pet, 8-1 Dowdency, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Lady Herries, 3 winners from 10 runners, 30.0%; M Johnston, 30 from 154, 19.5%; R Armstrong, 9 from 49, 18.4%; W O'Gorman, 38 from 210, 18.1%; W Haigh, 19 from 107, 17.8%.

JOCKEYS: K Darley, 19 winners from 102 rides, 18.6%; T Ives, 14 from 84, 16.7%; M Tebbutt, 6 from 42, 14.3%; Emma O'Gorman, 29 from 205, 14.1%; G Duffield, 30 from 214, 14.0%.

☐ Ben Hanbury's Bin Ajwaad (Pat Eddery) and David Loder's Port Lucaya (Jason Weaver) tackle the Prix du Muguet (1m) at Saint-Cloud today. Lord Huntingdon's Penny Drops runs in the Premio Ambrosiano at San Siro, Milan.

7.15 DICKINSON DEES NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,402: 2m) (15)

1 000 DO LALLY TAT 28 J Johnson 5-11-2 M A Fitzgerald
2 40P0 FLINTERS 12 (B) D McCain 8-11-2 D McCain
3 F-F0 JUNGLE RITES 14 (G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-2 M Dwyer
4 MILITARY ACADEMY G Richards 6-11-2 R Dunwoody
5 -045 NATIVE MONY 61 M Hammond 6-11-2 D Bentley
6 05P0 OUR MAIN MAN 25 (S) R Whitaker 5-11-2 N Williamson
7 0/0P PEAT STACK 14 J Brown 6-11-2 Mr A Manners (7)
8 00 PHILEAS FOGG 35 J Hellens 6-11-2 A Thornton
9 0 STRONGALONG 28 P Cheesbrough 5-11-2 R Supple
10 0P VANCE 61 T Donnelly 7-11-2 T Eley (3)
11 P543 BLACK MAGIC WOMAN 27 J Hellens 7-10-11 A Larnach (3)
12 P ELFOOT 16 J Charlton 6-10-11 K Johnson
13 4R-P JOYFUL SMITH 52 J Dixon 6-10-11 B Storey
14 PPP- LOUNGING 391P J Haldane 6-10-11 B Harding (5)
15 000 EAU BENITE 18 W Essey 4-10-10 D Byrne

11-4 Military Academy, 7-2 Black Magic Woman, 4-1 Jungle Rites, 6-1 Our Main Man, 8-1 Strongalong, 10-1 Native Mony, 20-1 Do Lally Tat, 25-1 others.

7.45 IAN STRAKER MEMORIAL TROPHY
(Handicap chase: £3,021: 2m 110yd) (8)

1 P534 BORO SMACKEROO 13 (D,F,G,S) J Johnson 10-12-0 N Williamson
2 4123 ISSYIN 13 (B,D,G,S) M W Easterby 8-11-11 R Garritty
3 U4F0 PRECIPICE RUN 16 (D,G,S) G Richards 10-11-1 R Dunwoody
4 23P2 KANNDABIL 14 (B,D,G,S) N Tinkler 8-10-12 M Dwyer
5 1F61 THE LORRYMAN 2 (C,D,F,S) L Lungo 7-10-12 (6ex) L O'Hara
6 U122 HEATHVIEW 16 (F,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-10-3 F Leahy (3)
7 6043 PORT IN A STORM 11 (S) M Hammond 6-10-0 Mr C Bonner (5)
8 PP45 MOSS BEE 20 (CD,F) W Reed 8-10-0 B Storey

11-4 Boro Smackeroo, 3-1 Issyin, 9-2 Heathview, 5-1 Port In A Storm, 6-1 Kanndabil, 8-1 The Lorryman, 14-1 Precipice Run, 16-1 Moss Bee.

8.15 LAW SOCIETY LEGAL HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,028: 2m 4f 110yd) (14)

1 2414 VILLAGE REINDEER 9 (CD,F,G,S) P Calver 8-12-0 M A Fitzgerald
2 2141 OAT COUTURE 52 (D,S) L Lungo 7-11-13 B Storey
3 -062 BELLTON 9 (F,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-7 Mr D Parker (3)
4 0135 VAYRUA 9 (D,G,S) J Hellens 10-11-4 N Williamson
5 1340 SANSOOL 48 (B,C,D,S) A Whillans 9-11-3 M Moloney
6 0000 CHIEF RAIDER 20 (CD,G,S) J Wade 7-11-3 K Jones
7 BF42 ABBOT OF FURNESS 2 (D,S) G Richards 11-11-2 R Dunwoody
8 0213 TIGHTER BUDGET 13 (G,F,S) Mrs E Slack 8-11-0 K Johnson
9 0442 BICKERMAN 39 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) J Spearing 12-10-11 Miss T Spearing (7)
10 -500 ADRIEN 10 (B,S) Mrs S Bramall 7-10-8 Mr A Manners (7)
11 -064 CASUAL PASS 2 (B,CD,F,G,S) L Lungo 12-10-2 —
12 2302 CHEEKY POT 7 (B,C,D,F,S) Denys Smith 7-10-0 G Lee (5)
13 410R NICHOLAS PLANT 5 (D,S) J Goldie 6-10-0 F Leahy (3)
14 03/F GLEN MORVERN 27 (F) J Threadgall 9-10-0 Mr C Healy (7)

5-1 Oat Couture, 6-1 Tighter Budget, Bellton, 7-1 Abbot Of Furness, 8-1 Village Reindeer, Cheeky Pot, 10-1 Bickerman, 14-1 others.

Kelleway lands Ganay

THE Paul Kelleway-trained Pelder spearheaded an English one-two in the group one Prix Ganay at Longchamp yesterday. Pelder, ridden by Frankie Dettori, gained a three-length victory over the champion hurdler, Alderbrook, with Richard Of York third. Prince Arthur, trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam and ridden by John Reid, landed the Italian 2,000 Guineas, the Premio Parioli, at the Capannelle in Rome yesterday, beating Thomire and Robins.

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Wigan thrive in a league of their own

Leeds 10
Wigan 30

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE Wigan phenomenon is no accident. Work ethic is at its heart. Graeme West, their coach, said as the rugby league Silk Cut Challenge Cup was whisked past him down the Wembley tunnel on Saturday, safe in the hands of a smiling club director for an eighth successive year.

In 12 months as coach, West has won everything there is to win. "It's great to be part of Wigan Rugby League Club," he said. "We've got a good set-up, good directors, good players, good coaching staff, and everybody is pulling in the right direction. And that's for the future as well."

He reeled off names of those not involved — Radlinski, O'Connor and Mather — and others, such as Haughton, Murdock and Long, who were waiting in the wings.

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Perhaps the sooner there is a second team of this stature, the better, because competitive rivalry is nearly extinct.

How a bigger Super League for next March is going to resolve the problem, which a smaller, elite grouping was originally meant to, baffles Denis Betts. "Where you are supposed to get improved quality by having the first division and renaming it the Super League, in effect, is beyond me," Betts, who later this month leaves for Auckland Warriors after nine years with Wigan, said.

The only spur the rest have left, and then a pretty uninspirational one, is the Premiership competition, the fourth part of a grand slam that has eluded Wigan thus far. Maybe, if Leeds had done more on Saturday than turn up, it might have been the kind of awakening Wigan experienced on beating Hull in the 1985 final. It was that taste of success, after a 20-year drought, that Wigan, then under West's captaincy, enjoyed. A decade later, the monster, magnificent though it is, is only out of control because the resignation and lack of ambition at other clubs has allowed it.

Leeds are no Luddites; indeed, they have responded to the off-field challenge from Wigan by moving full-time and investing heavily in youth and development. But a capacity to disappoint has become an immutable law of Leeds and the big occasion. Wigan might have been distracted by thoughts of Monopoly money, loyalty deals and defections to Australia in the preceding week, but it was no reason for Leeds to expect the trophy gift-wrapped.

Jason Robinson and Shaun Edwards were the main architects of a highly professional victory. Edwards, the scrum half, controlled the game from hand and foot with cunning precision, at one mesmeric point sending an arcing pass fully 20 yards to prise Leeds open for Paul to spin away from Tait for the second of Wigan's five tries.

Spin had earlier accounted for Cummins as Robinson, with his back to the line, twisted away and clear of his opposite wing. The gap grew when Leeds failed miserably to mark him at a play-the-ball, and Robinson's salute as he went in under the posts signalled the end of Leeds's hopes within five minutes of the second half.

Defence was Wigan's catalyst. The attempts by Innes and Iro to hit them out wide were snuffed out to the extent that Leeds were reduced at times to fumbling, one-up rugby. Hanley, in a Leeds shirt possibly for the last time, was anonymous. Farrell, in particular, was immovable object and unstoppable force as Leeds, before a last-minute touchdown by Lowes, yielded to further tries by the excellent Hall and Tuigamala, who returned yesterday to New Zealand after the death of his grandfather and will miss the Premiership.

SCORERS: Leeds: Try: Lowes. Goals: Holroyd (3). Wigan: Tries: Robinson (2), Paul, Hall, Tuigamala. Goals: Botica (5).

LEEDS: A Tait; J Fallon, K Iro, C Innes, F Cummins; G Schofield, G Holroyd; H Howard (sub: G Mann, 34min), J Lowes, E Faimalo, G Mercer, R Eyres (sub: N Harmon, 59), E Hanley.

WIGAN: H Paul; J Robinson, V Tuigamala, G Connolly, M Offiah; F Botica, S Edwards; K Skerrett (sub: P Atcheson, 53), M Hall, N Cowie, D Betts, M Cassidy (sub: A Farrell, 7), P Clarke.

Referee: R Smith.

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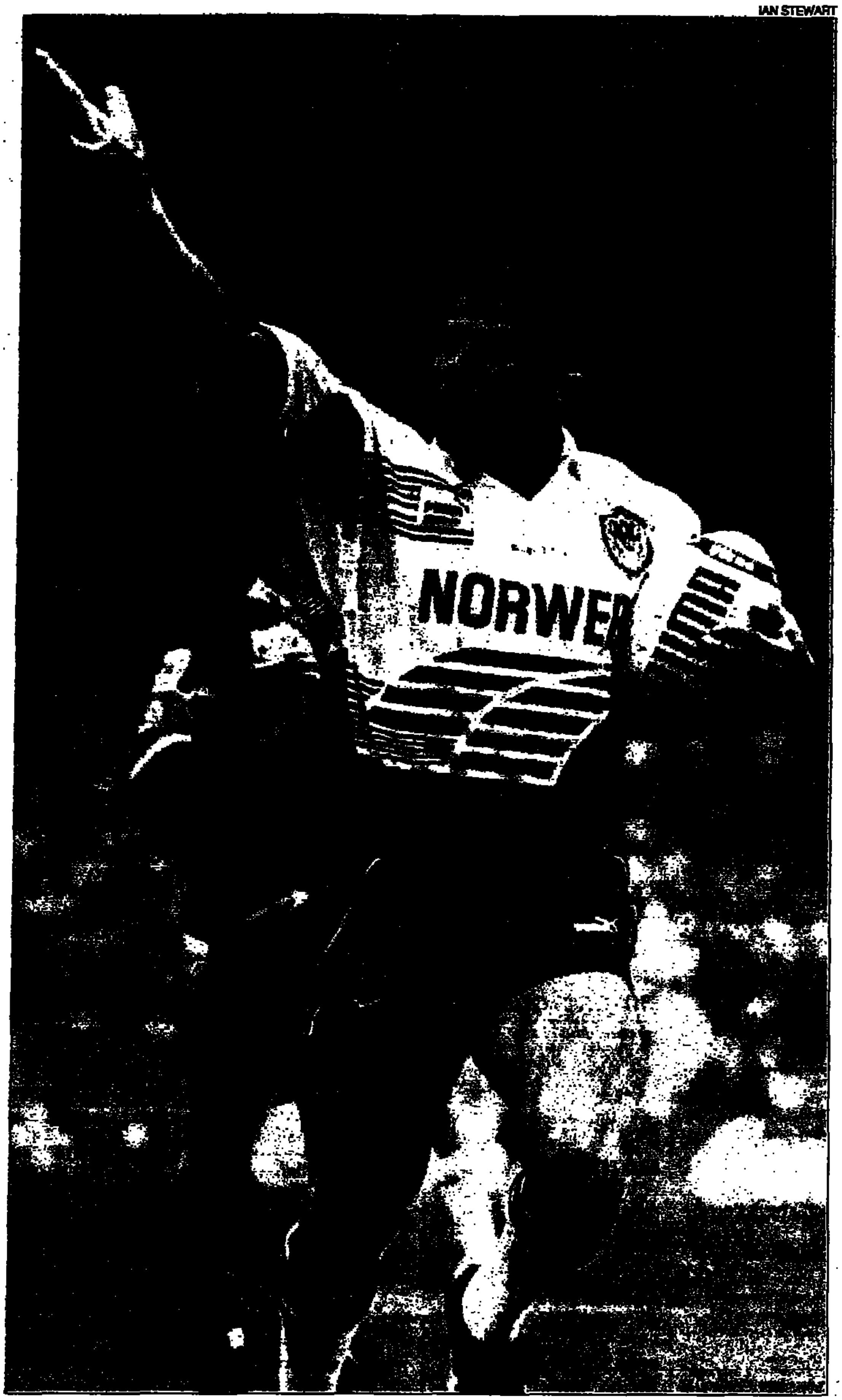

Robinson has time to indulge the crowd as he crosses the line for his second try at Wembley

Old values prove their worth at sport's new dawn

Simon Barnes marvels at a cup final triumph that continued a famous tradition of excellence

This talk about Super Leagues should not have come as a shock. Rugby league has had a Super League for years. The trouble is, there is only one team in it. In other sports, periods of overwhelming domination come and go — Liverpool, McLaren, Yorkshire, Bath — but Wigan march on forever. On Saturday, they took on the second-best team in the country, and Leeds were not in the same league.

The unfailing excellence of Wigan was as wonderful to behold as ever. The inevitable failure of the opposition to give them a game left, as usual, an odd taste. Unpredictability, after all, is the stuff of sport. Wigan went to Wembley: what happened next? They won the cup. That is not one to test Ian and Bill.

Try another. The rugby league cup final took place on Saturday: what happened next? That is a bit trickier, especially on this, rugby league's annual celebration of itself and its traditions. Rugby league, coming south, playing before an audience of 80,000 on a mild, spring afternoon. Was this a last glimpse of rugby league's finest traditions, or is it a sneak preview of the future?

Stand at the top of the twin towers and look down at the endless, swaying, boozing, joshing line of people walking Wembley-wards. The last of their kind, or the first of the new wave of rugby league supporters? Turn your eyes a shade west of south, towards the Thames. Putney Bridge is beyond your line of sight, but there stands Fulham football ground, once the home of Fulham Rugby League Club. That was the sport's last conquest of the southland: where are they now?

We cannot go on as we are, say some in rugby league — indeed, almost everybody talking about a game on the verge of financial implosion. But is the taking out of the heart the right form of surgery, others argue. Will that not create a super-efficient being with an artificial heart and a calculator brain: not a living, breathing being, but a nicely made android?

Between ambition and tradition fall the players. Saturday gave us a result that looks, indeed was, hopelessly lopsided, but a spectacle to make a connoisseur of sport purr. Wigan did not win by going through the motions, nor did they win by contemptuous attack. They won through quite stunning defensive virtues. Collective virtues.

Late in the game, Leeds would occasionally put a run together, build a fleeting hope of resurgence: hope no sooner hatched than squashed, with three tacklers around the body. The second half was a cakewalk for Wigan because they tackled throughout as if there were a single point between the sides. That is why there were 20.

At Wigan, players come and go. So do coaches, so do the biggest stars in the game. But the tradition of excellence remains, based on work and tackling and shared aims. Is Martin Offiah, tryscorer supreme, the exception? The first try was set up by his pass.

Rugby league looks simple, and so does its history. Look closer, and one sees a game of endless tactical complexity and a tradition filled with contradiction. The twin stories of rugby's two codes are the social history of England. What, then, is the next chapter? A new classlessness? A new snobbery, one based on money? A new dawn of pure excellence? Where is the truth?

This is sport, so do not ask anyone in a suit or a blazer. The truth of the Packer Affair in cricket was ultimately in the arms of Lillee and Thomson. The suits control the money, the players the truth. The players are not bigger than the game: they *are* the game.

The truth of rugby league could be found on Saturday in a single second, the second that followed Offiah's pass. Jason Robinson caught it and put a spin move on his markers. A 360-degree pirouette, and he was through: the kind of brilliance of thought and execution to which we give the easy term of magic. In troubled times, the only thing we can believe in is magic.

THE TIMES GOLF MASTERS CHALLENGE

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C Corbett, London

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J O'Neill, Harpenden

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S Allen, Bristol
R Chadwick, Scarborough, N Yorkshire
P Britt, Bromley

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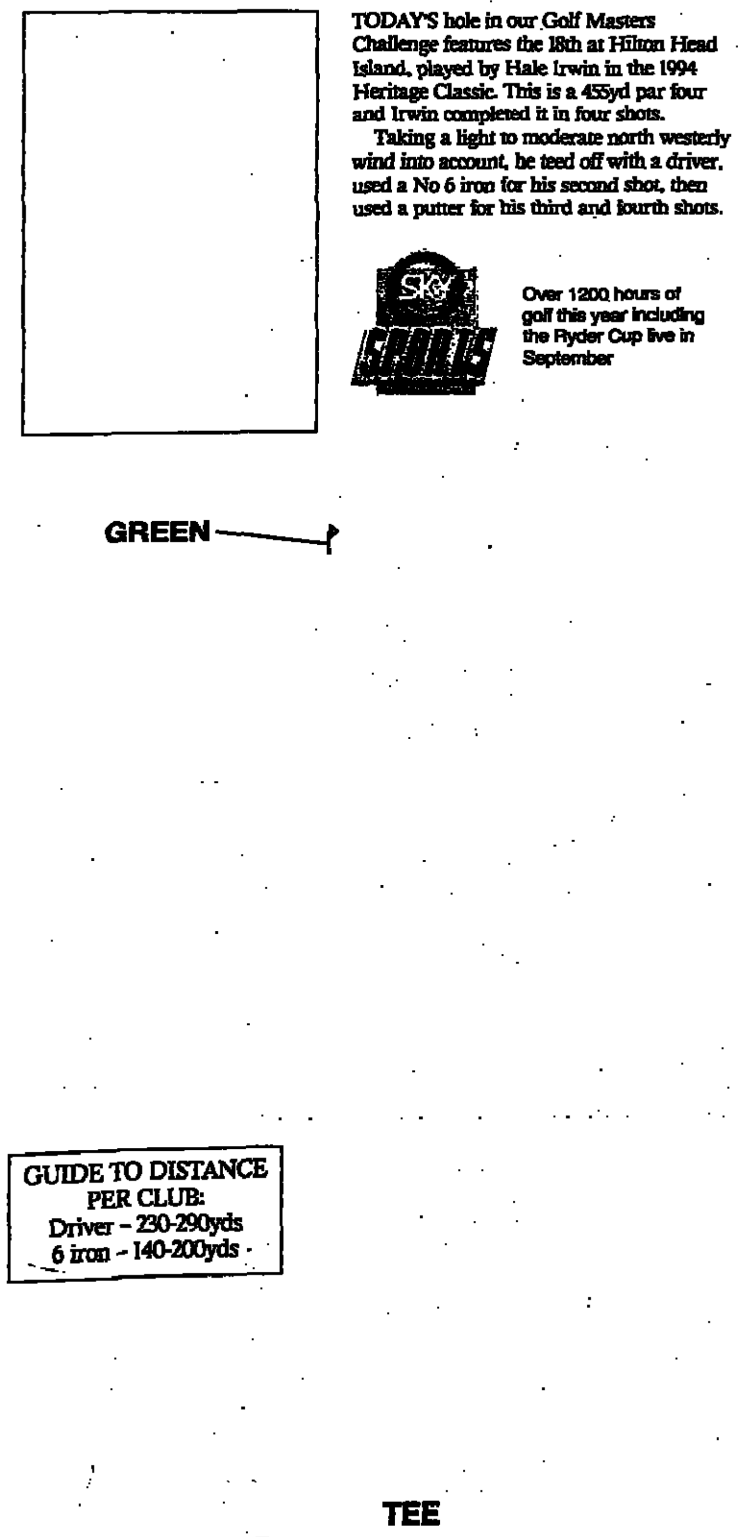
M Harrop, Chipping Norton
A Malkin, Beckenham

Two over par

B Miller, Nottingham
D Wood, Camberley
J Connelly, Surrey
S James, Blackburn
S Lomas, Teddington
A Pickard, Cambridgeshire

SIXTH WEEK'S WINNERS

Ernie Els's actual yardage on the 8th hole at St Andrews in the 1994 Dunhill Cup was: No 6 iron 158yds, putter 8yds, putter 1yd. Bernhard Langer's actual yardage on the 15th hole at Augusta in the 1993 Masters was: driver 250yds, No 5 iron 170yds, sand wedge 80yds, putter 2yds. Last week's holiday to the hotel Palmilla, Mexico, was won by Ian Hunter of Winwick, Warrington. The Sunday Times prize of Wilson clubs was won by M Girling, of Grassmore, Chesterfield. The Times prize was won by Richard Chadwick of Scarborough, N Yorkshire.



GUIDE TO DISTANCE PER CLUB:
Driver – 230-290yds
6 iron – 140-200yds

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GOLF'S No1 DISTANCE GUIDE

TODAY'S hole in our Golf Masters Challenge features the 18th at Hilton Head Island, played by Hale Irwin in the 1994 Heritage Classic. This is a 455yd par four and Irwin completed it in four shots.

Taking a light to moderate north westerly wind into account, he teed off with a driver, used a No 6 iron for his second shot, then used a putter for his third and fourth shots.

Over 1200 hours of golf this year including the Ryder Cup live in September

Today we publish the 14h hole in the *Golf Masters Challenge* accompanied by details of how many shots a leading professional golfer, Hale Irwin, took *to play the hole, the clubs he used and the* prevailing weather conditions. The 15th hole appears in *The Sunday Times* next week.

To play today's hole study the Strokesaver map taking into account the yardage guides which give both distances from the tee and yardages to the green. They also show obstacles that might prevent the golfer from hitting the ball in a straight line, such as water and trees.

Using your skill and judgment estimate how far each shot travelled, in yards. Then pick up the 'phone, dial the appropriate Hotline, *follow* the instructions and key in your answers (you will need a touchtone telephone and calls will last for about four minutes; calls cost 39p per minute cheap rate and 49p per minute at other times).

Try to match the yardage of each shot taken by the featured golf professional and you could win any of three different prizes:

The £25,000 accumulator prize can only be won by readers who play all 18 holes during the nine weeks of *The Times/The Sunday Times* Golf Masters Challenge. If you have already played the first 13 holes ring 0891 66 05 14 and quote your Pin number to play the 14th hole. This number automatically enters accumulator players for the daily prize and the second stage of the seventh weekly prize. A weekly leaderboard will chart the progress of the top entrants.

The weekly prize. This is for all readers who play today's hole and the hole published in *The Sunday Times* yesterday. The person who has the best score over the two holes will win a luxury golf holiday worth up to £7,000. To play for the weekly and daily prizes ring 0891 40 50 14. Accumulator players do not need to call this number.

The daily prize. The reader with the lowest score on a single hole will win a full set of Wilson golf clubs including a golf bag and Ultra balls. To play for the daily prize, ring 0891 88 56 01.

The success of your play is calculated by a simple scoring system. You will be penalised one point for every yard your estimate varies from the exact yardage taken by the golfing professional for his shot. The total variance in points is then transferred into a golfing equivalent; 0-4 points = 2 under par, 5-8 points = 1 under par, 9-15 points = par, 16-19 points = 1 over par, 20-25 points = 2 over par, 26 points and over = three over par. This scoring mechanism is a final modification and is slightly more sensitive than the original published on March 19.

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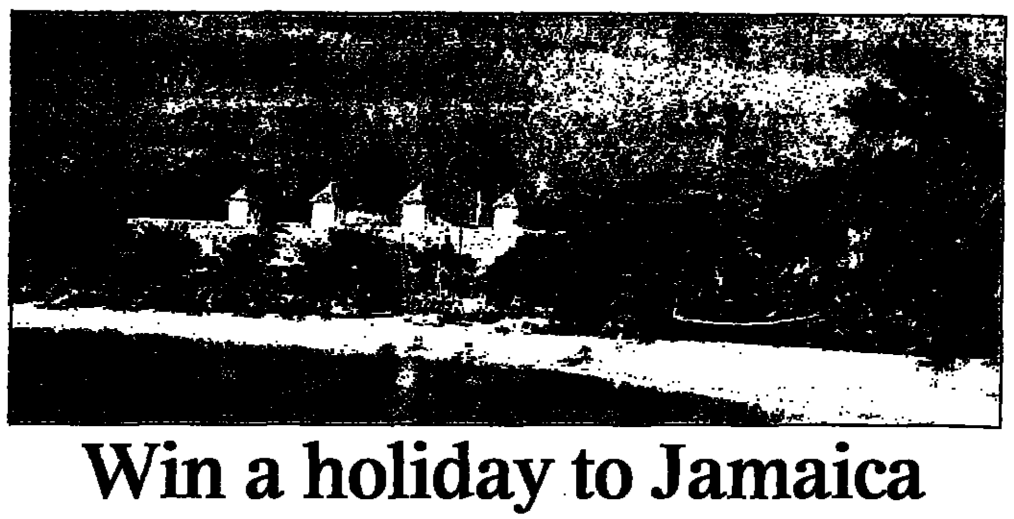

Win a holiday to Jamaica

FOR readers who play today's hole and the hole published in The Sunday Times yesterday there is the chance of winning a holiday worth £7,000. This week's destination The Half Moon Golf, Tennis and Beach Club, Jamaica, is one of the Caribbean's most exclusive resorts, close to Montego bay. This magnificent 400-acre estate boasts a mature 18 hole, par 72 championship golf course, designed by Robert Trent Jones and a mile of white sand beach.

The company Great Golf Resorts of the World, which specialises in luxury golfing holiday resorts, has combined with American Airlines and Avis car rental to provide a dream holiday for two people as a weekly prize for the Golf Challenge.

Each weekly winner and a companion will fly business class with American Airlines. They will stay for five nights in luxury accommodation, with breakfast provided.

Winners will have three rounds of golf on a championship course.

American Airlines is the largest US transatlantic carrier, with non-stop flights from Heathrow, Gatwick, Manchester, Glasgow and Birmingham (from May 26) to eight American gateway cities, with connections to nearly 300 destinations in the US, the Caribbean, Latin America and Japan. This summer American will increase its service from Heathrow to New York/JFK, Chicago and Boston.

For further information on resorts featured, telephone American Airlines Holidays (ATOL 2706) on 01703 465885.

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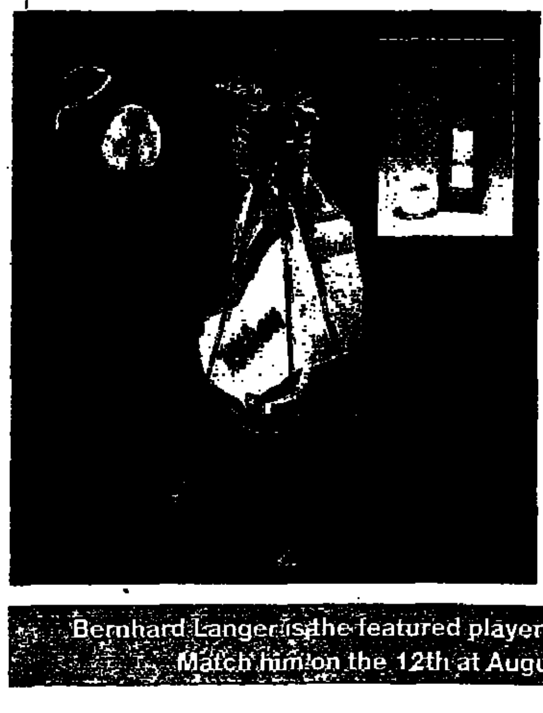

Win a set of clubs at every hole

THE reader who gets the best score on each of the 18 holes in the Golf Masters Challenge will win a set of superb Wilson golf clubs worth £1,400 — including a golf bag and the latest technology Ultra 500 golf balls to get you rolling. The set is made up of Wilson Staff Midsize irons and Killer Whale Midsize woods. The irons are designed with perimeter weighting and a generous sweetspot to give maximum accuracy and forgiveness. The Killer Whale woods are reputed to be the longest-hitting clubs on the US PGA tour.

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Bernhard Langer is the featured player in The Sunday Times next week. Match him on the 12th at Augusta in the 1993 Masters.

ATHLETICS

BIRMINGHAM: National 12-stage road relay championships: 1, Blackheath Harriers 4hr 03min 04sec; 2, Bingley Harriers 4:05.58; 3, Morpeth Harriers 4:06.10; 4, Swansea 4:06.17; 5, Shaftesbury Barnet 4:06.54.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

Fifth round: Carlton 12.12 (84) bt North Melbourne 7.8 (50); Hawthorn 14.12 (96) bt Collingwood 4.13 (37); Essendon 24.10 (154) bt St Kilda 5.8 (38); Sydney Swans 20.24 (144) bt Adelaide Crows 12.15 (87); Richmond 17.14 (116) bt Brisbane Bears 14.12 (96); Geelong 28.13 (181) bt Fitzroy 13.14 (92); Footscray 14.14 (98) bt Fremantle Dockers 14.12 (96); West Coast Eagles 13.12 (90) bt Melbourne 11.8 (74).

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Chicago 4 Montreal 3; San Francisco 4 Florida 0; Philadelphia 5 Pittsburgh 2; Colorado 2 Houston 1; New York 10 St Louis 8; Los Angeles 9 Atlanta 1; San Diego 8 Cincinnati 7. Saturday: New York 5 St Louis 4; Chicago 5 Montreal 4; San Francisco 1 Florida 0; Pittsburgh 3 Philadelphia 2; Colorado 2 Houston 1; Atlanta 4 Los Angeles 3; San Diego 9 Cincinnati 5.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Boston 16 Chicago 4; New York 4 Kansas City 1; Milwaukee 8 Oakland 7; Texas 10 Cleveland 9; California 7 Toronto 6; Minnesota 12 Baltimore 9; Seattle 9 Detroit 2. Saturday: Boston 8 Chicago 0; Toronto 3 California 8; Oakland 8 Milwaukee 2; New York 10 Kansas City 3; Baltimore 13 Minnesota 7; Texas 6 Cleveland 5; Seattle 11 Detroit 1.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): First-round play-offs (first games in best-of-five series): Eastern Conference: Chicago 108 Charlotte 100 (OT); Orlando 124 Boston 77; Cleveland 90 New York 84; Indiana 105 Atlanta 97. Western Conference: San Antonio 104 Denver 88; Phoenix 129 Portland 102; LA Lakers 84 Seattle 82; Houston 140 Utah 126.

WEMBLEY: Budweiser Championship: Semi-finals: Sheffield 72 (Cauthorn 18, Gayle 15, Huggins 14) Worthing 84 (Irish 25, Hamed 20, Cunningham 18); London Towers 107 (Windless 28, Moore 26, Lewis 22) Manchester 109 (Johnson 29, Gordon 26, Robinson 20).

BOWLS

DURBAN: Perm Atlantic Rim women's outdoor championships: Singles: 10th round: P Nolan (Ire) bt J Joubert (Namibia) 25-7; J Peacock (SA) bt J Maxwell (Scot) 25-20; R Jones (Wales) bt A Barber (US) 25-21. N Shaw (Eng) bt P Fisher (Sp) 25-12; J Martel (Guernsey) bt A De Abelle (Arg) 25-24; V Stead (Jersey) bt M Swerdlow (Isr) 25-17. Final round: Maxwell bt Nolan 25-16; Joubert bt Peacock 25-24; Martel bt Barber 25-24; Swerdlow bt Fisher 25-18; Jones bt de Abelle 25-14; Shaw bt Stead 25-15. Final standings: 1, South Africa 8pts; 2, England 9; 3, Ireland 7; 4, Jersey 7; 5, Scotland 7; 6, Wales 4; 9, Guernsey 4.

Fours: 10th round: Namibia bt Ireland 20-16; Scotland bt South Africa 25-13; Wales bt United States 21-14; England bt Spain 36-8; Guernsey bt Argentina 27-19; Israel bt Jersey 23-11. Final round: Ireland bt Scotland 19-18; South Africa bt Namibia 18-12; United States bt Guernsey 18-16; Israel bt Spain 19-15; Wales bt Argentina 28-14; England bt Jersey 22-14. Final standings: 1, Scotland 18; 2, South Africa 17; 3, England 17; 4, Wales 16; 7, Jersey 10; 8, Ireland 9; 9, Guernsey 8.

SYDNEY: Mazda international jack high tournament: Semi-finals: R Corsie (Scot) bt I Schuback (Aus) 9-8, 9-3; C Curtis (Aus) bt S Glasson (Aus) 9-7, 2-9, 9-4. Final: Corsie bt Curtis 9-4, 9-0.

BOXING

JOHANNESBURG: International Boxing Federation bantamweight championship: Mbulelo Botile (SA) bt Harold Mestre (Col) ko 2nd. IBF junior featherweight championship: Vuyani Bungu (SA) bt Victor Llerena (Col) pts.

CYCLING

OVIEDO: Tour of the Valleys: Final stage: 1, M Indurain (Sp, Banesto) 3:50:51; 2, F Escartin (Sp); 3, D Clavero (Sp). Overall winner: Escartin 17:50:00.

ROAD RACES: Cheshire Classic (Reynolds 531 Women's National Series, Northwich, 48 miles): 1, M Purvis (North Wirral Velo) 2hr 2min 57sec; 2, Y McGregor (North Wirral Velo) at 1:51; 3, A Hunter (New Brighton CC) at 4:26. Rugby Velo (Baginton, Warwickshire, 84 miles): 1, P Curran (Optimum Performance RT) 3:13:44; 2, W Randle (Optimum Performance RT) at 27sec; 3, G Platts (Coalville Wheelers) at 28sec. Leeds St Christophers (Kippax; 84 miles): 1, C Newton (North Wirral Velo) 2:34:00; 2, M Pitchford (Brough Wh); 3, J Flanagan (Brooks Wh) all same time. Cleveleys RC two-day: Lancashire, 138 miles): 1, M Harrison (Congleton CC) 5:20:41; 2, D Williams (RT Italia) at 55sec; 3, S Calland (CS Furbeck) at 1:01. Clarencourt CC (Loxwood, Sussex, 94 miles): 1, P Croot (Ross Wh) 3:45:23; 2, S Heather (Festival RC) at 7sec; 3, P Sweetnam (Twickenham CC) same time. Cwmcarn Paragon (Newbridge, Gwent, 80 miles): 1, P Bagnall (Cwmcarn Paragon) 2:57:31; 2, I Gilkes (Wembley RC) at 12sec; 3, M Bogart (Team Energy) at 20sec.

TIME TRIALS: Tooting BC (sporting, 42 miles): 1, P Hamilton (Brixton Wh) 1:47:25; 2, K Bayley (Tooting BC) 1:48:59; 3, C Smith (Old Portlians CC) 1:51:04. Team: Tooting BC 5:38:58. Beacon RCC (Shropshire hilly, 39.5 miles): 1, D Kirby (Beacon RCC) 1:43:57; 2, M Gouner (Beacon RCC) 1:46:46; 3, D Kirby (RAF CC) 1:46:05. Team: Beacon RCC 5:21:28. Stockton Wheelers (35 miles): 1, P Wildsmith (Barnesbury CC) 1:04:06; 2, N Jackson (Cleveland Wh) 1:04:34; 3, G Metcalfe (Velo Viento) 1:05:46. Team: GS Metro 3:20:08. Dartford Wheelers (hilly, 30 miles): 1, L Martin (San Fairy Ann CC) 1:16:18; 2, P Fox (Southborough and Dist Wh) 1:16:42; 3, A Mellek (West Kent RC) 1:16:35. Team: San Fairy Ann CC 3:54:57. Madge CC (North Humberside, 27 miles): 1, J Wakeman (Hull Thursday RC) 1:06:58; 2, S Wigglesworth (Leo RC) 1:06:48; 3, C Madge (Barton Wh) 1:07:16. Team: Hull Thursday RC (two riders) 2:12:14. Mildenhall CC (25 miles): 1, D Dighton (Leo RC) 50:57; 2, T Bayley (VC Diss) 52:21; 3, R Boundy (CC Breckland) 52:25. Team: Leo RC 2:48:19. London St Christophers (25 miles): 1, D Wilcox (Birchfield CC) 51:05 (event record); 2, I Cammish (Velo Viento) 52:18; 3, L Rathbone (Tamworth RCC) 52:51. Team: VC Slough 2:49:17. New Brighton CC (25 miles); 1, G Thomas (Leek CC) 53:54; 2, J Howard (Merseyside Wh) 54:38; 3, S Farrell (Tunstall Wh) 54:51. Team: Crewe Clarion Wh 2:50:28. Sheffield Phoenix (25 miles): 1, M Pyrehouse (Warwick RC) 54:07; 2, R Newman (Dinnington RC) 54:08; eq 3, N Wales (VC Chesterfield) and R Sidwell (Coventry Olympic) 54:08. Team: VC Chesterfield 2:46:30. Lancaster CC (25 miles): 1, P Moss (Southport CC) 55:55; eq 2, J Duncan (Pendle Forest CC) and G Nowland (Team Stapleford) 56:11. Team: Pendle Forest CC 2:50:55. Worthing Excelsior (25 miles): 1, P Main (34 Nomads) 56:36; 2, M Marchant (GS Stella) 57:36; 3, F Lawler (Crawley Wh) 58:49. Team: Worthing Excelsior 3:00:51. Mid-Shropshire CC (25 miles): 1, A Scott (Gloucester City CC) 58:47; 2, C Wallace (Hirwaun [illegible]) 1:00:59; 3, M Portlock (Abercynon RC) 1:03:16. Team: Cwmcarn Paragon 3:18:49. Poole Wheelers (team, 25 miles): 1, Antelope RT (N Stroud, B Marsh, L Paxton) 53:59; 2, Vectis RCC 54:02; 3, Team Avon 56:00. Selby CC (10 miles): 1, A Hardy (Leo RC) 20:47; 2, H Walker (GS Metro) 21:18; 3, P Newman (GS Metro) 21:42. Team: GS Metro 1:08:31.

MOUNTAIN BIKES: BMB National Points Series (downhill, Ludlow, 3km): 1, R Warner (Team Saracen) 3:26.19.

GOLF

TEXAS: Houston Open: Third round scores (US unless stated): 201: S Hoch 68, 64, 69. 206: J Cook 67, 70, 69; C Rymer 69, 69, 68. 207: S Rintoul (Aus) 66, 70, 71; T Tyner 70, 69, 68. 208: B Chamblee 72, 69, 67; B Claar 73, 68, 67; B Estes 71, 66, 71; B McCallister 69, 71, 68; R Cole (Aus) 68, 69, 71; P Stewart 73, 65, 70; J Wilson 71, 69, 68. 209: L Clements 71, 72, 66; D Forsman 70, 70, 69; J Leonard 68, 67, 72; J Haas 68, 71, 70; C Parry (Aus) 70, 70, 69; G Hjertstedt 73, 68, 68; W Wood 68, 68, 73. Selected score: 214: D Feherty (N Ire) 68, 74, 72.

NAGOYA: Men's tournament: Final scores: 280: M Ozaki (Japan) 68, 64, 83, 67. 285: N Serizawa (Japan) 64, 67, 66, 88. 288: K Temori (Japan) 64, 65, 70, 89. 269: L Mize (US) 65, 72, 66, 66. 271: P Senior (Aus) 71, 68, 69, 63. 272: R Backwell (Aus) 68, 68, 70, 66; 273: R Gamez (US) 67, 69, 69, 68. Selected scores: 279: T Hamilton (US) 71, 69, 70, 69. 280: G Day (US) 72, 68, 71, 69. 283: J Pate (US) 73, 69, 72, 69; R Gibson (Can) 72, 69, 69, 73.

DAYTONA BEACH: LPGA sprint championship: Third round scores (US unless stated): 205: K Tschetter 66, 67, 72. 206: V Skinner 71, 65, 70. 207: B Daniel 72, 67, 68; A Sorenstam (Swe) 69, 70, 68; A Ritzman 69, 69, 69; D Mochrie 66, 72, 69; M McGann 70, 65, 72. 208: M Mallon 69, 69, 70; C Walker 68, 70, 70. 209: K Saiki 70, 72, 67; J Crafter (Aus) 69, 69, 71. 210: D Coe-Jones (Can) 67, 68, 75. 211: H Alfredsson (Swe) 74, 68, 69; M Figueras-Dotti (Sp) 67, 71, 73. 212: S Maynor (GB) 69, 74, 69; C Hjalmarsson (Swe) 69, 70, 73. 213: J Lidback (Per) 74, 70, 69; T Johnson (GB) 73, 70, 70; F Descampe 68, 75, 70; L Walters (Can) 68, 73, 72. 215: H Kobayashi (Japan) 70, 73, 72. 217: H Dobson (Swe) 70, 71, 76. 222: B Burkowsky (Can) 72, 72, 78.

Boris Becker, of Germany, hits a backhand in the Monte Carlo Open, where he was defeated by Thomas Muster, of Austria, in five sets in the final.

HIROSHIMA: Women's tournament: Final scores: 208: A Fukushima (Japan) 72, 67, 69. 211: L Neumann (Swe) 70, 72, 69. 214: K Harada (Japan) 73, 71, 70; K Higo (Japan) 76, 71, 73. 215: L Davies (GB) 71, 74, 70; M McGuire (NZ) 69, 75, 71.

HOCKEY

WURTH, Germany: International tournament: Germany 1 India 0; South Africa 1 South Korea 2; India 2 South Korea 2; Germany 3 South Africa 0.

GENOA: European Junior Cup: Qualifying tournament: First series: England 9 Gibraltar 1; Italy 1 Portugal 0; Scotland 3 Switzerland 0; England 4 Portugal 0; Scotland 3 Gibraltar 0.

CROSBY: County championship: Lancashire 2 Yorkshire 1; Cheshire 3 Durham 2. JUNIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals: Kent 1 Essex 2; Royal Navy 0 Cheshire 3.

Women's internationals: Yesterday: Holland 3 England 3 (in Amstelveen). Saturday: Holland 5 England 2 (in Den Bosch).

CANNOCK: Women's county championship Group A: Suffolk 1 Yorkshire 0; Glos 0 Suffolk 0. Group B: Surrey 0 Staffs 0; Humberside 1 Surrey 2; Staffs 4 Humberside 0.

CARDIFF: Welsh women's Cup Semi-finals: Cardiff Ath 1 Swansea 5; Newtown 7 Ardudwy 0. Plate semi-finals: Wrexham 1 St Fagans 6; Ruthin 1 Llan and Llan 6.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Detroit 4 Dallas 2; Quebec 4 Tampa B 1; Calgary 2 Toronto 2; Buffalo 3 Montreal 3; Ottawa 4 NY Islanders 3; Winnipeg 5 Edmonton 1.

STOCKHOLM: World Championships: Group A: Canada 2 Italy 2; Germany 5 Switzerland 3. Group B: Finland bt Austria 7-2; Czech Republic 3 Norway 1.

LACROSSE

MEN: Shepherds Friendly Society: First Division: North: Sale 4 Poynton 16; Heaton Mersey 10 Stockport 17; Cheadle 7 Mellor 12; Timperley 12 Ashton 3.

MOTORCYCLING

MALLORY PARK: British supergroup championship: Second round: First race (18 laps, 20.45 miles): 1, J Whitham (Ducati) 12min 23.98sec; 2, S Hislop (Ducati) at 5.66sec; 3, M Rutter (Ducati) at 5.78sec. Second race (15 laps): 1, Whitham 12:24.89; 2, Hislop at 5.75sec; 3, M Llewellyn (Ducati) at 7.58sec. Championship standings: Whitham 46pts; Hislop 42; Rutter 41.

MOTOR RALLYING

LONDON-MEXICO RALLY: Londrina to Asuncion: Eighth day: 1, H Mikkola (Fin) and G Palm (Swe, Ford Escort) 2hr 05min 28sec; 2, R Dunkerton and H Mansson (Aus, Datsun) 240Z 2:10:04; 3, R Martin-Hurst (GB) and W Koningsveld (Hol, Ford Escort) 2:15:34.

ROWING

WALLINGFORD REGATTA: Eights: Open: Oxford Brookes bt Reading University, 4½ lengths, 4min 22sec. Senior 1: Oxford Brookes bt Wallingford, 3/4 length, 4.23. Senior 2: Oxford Brookes bt Eton, 3/4 length, no time taken (NTT). Senior 3: Division A: King's, Chester bt Wallingford, 3/4 length, NTT. Division B: Shrewsbury bt Bedford School, 2 lengths, NTT. Fours: Open: Wallingford bt Broxbourne, 4 lengths, 5.03. Senior 1: Isis bt Wallingford, 5 lengths, 5.05. Senior 2: Isis bt Wallingford, 5 lengths, NTT. Senior 3: St Edward's bt Shiplake, easily, 5.08. Pairs: Open: Isis bt Wallingford, 3/4 length, 5.37. Sculls: Open: A Booth (London) bt R Foster (Eton), 3½ lengths, 5.43. Senior 1: T Westerling (Eton) bt J Yeatman (Marlow), easily, 5.45. Senior 2: J Thrandsen (Isis) bt R Smalman-Smith (Molesey), 3/4 length, 5.33. Senior 3: A Bird (St Edward's) bt D Moore (Wallingford), 5 lengths, 3.17 (short course).

Women: Eights Senior 1: Bedford bt Kingston Grammar, 4 lengths, 5.23. Senior 2: Wallingford/Osler bt Reading, 1¼ lengths, 5.23. Senior 3: Wallingford bt Oxford Brookes, 1 2/3 lengths, 5.20. Fours: Open: Bedford bt Wallingford, 1 1/3 lengths, 5.48. Senior 1: Bedford bt C of Oxford, 2/3 length, 5.53. Senior 3: Bryanston bt Reading, 4 lengths, 6.06. Open Coxless: Wallingford A bt Wallingford B, easily, 5.45. Double sculls: Senior 2: Wallbrook/Upper Thames bt Broxbourne, easily, 5.57. Sculls: Senior 1: E Stallwood (Marlow) bt K Cross (Gloucester), easily, 6.40.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Silk Cut Challenge Cup

Final

Leeds 10 Wigan 30

Leeds: Try: Lowes. Goals: Holroyd 3. Wigan: Tries: Robinson 2, Hall, Paul, Tuigamala. Goals: Botica 5. Att: 78,550.

(at Wembley)

WINFIELD CUP: Canberra 28 Brisbane 0; Manly 24 St George 6; Cronulla 24 South Sydney 0; Western Reds 18 Penrith 16; Sydney Bulldogs 14 North Sydney 12; North Queensland 14 Illawarra 10; South Queensland 33 Parramatta 14; Auckland 26 Sydney City 22; Newcastle 27 Gold Coast 20; Western Suburbs 30 Sydney Tigers 12.

SCHOOLS SPORT

FOOTBALL

Victory Shield: England 2, Scotland 1. English Eagles Trophy: Semi-final: Brighton 0 Bromley 1. English Schools Girls Shield: Final: Gravesham 1 Dartford 0. London Crisp Shield: Under-11 final: Barking 4 Waltham Forest 0. London Gill Cup: Under-13 semi-final: Islington 6 Barking 1. Essex Johnson Cup: Under-15 semi-final: Harlow 3 Redbridge 2. North West Woodward Cup: Semi-final: Liverpool 4 Bury 1. Northern Merit: Leeds 4 Bolton 0. Inter County: Inner London 3 Middlesex 3. Welsh Mitre Shield: Under-13 final: Cardiff 4 Flint 2. Welsh Schools Yeoman Shield: Final: Flintshire 2 Wolverhampton 1.

Maidstone: Kent Terry Walker Trophy Eight A Side Championship: Bexley 2 Dartford 0; Gravesham 1 Ashford 0; Bexley 1 Ashford 0; Gravesham 2 Dartford 0; Dartford 2 Ashford 0; Gravesham 1 Bexley 0; Bexley 2 Ashford 0; Gravesham 0 Dartford 0; Dartford 3 Bexley 1; Gravesham 2 Ashford 0; Dartford 2 Ashford 1; Bexley 3 Gravesham 0. Winners: Gravesham. Runners-up: Bexley.

CRICKET

Ampleforth 193-8 dec, * Durham 197-3 (O Jaber 100 not out); * Cranbrook 230-2 dec (N Pink 100 not out), Sutton Valence 52; Dover 159-7 v Duke of York's (abandoned); * Giggleswick 231-5dec, St Bees 92; * Hurstpierpoint 246-5 dec (S May 125), Seaford 128; Reigate 198, * Emanuel 201-2; St Albans 183, * Merchant Taylors Northwood 184-3 (A Thorpe 100); Shiplake 51 * Oratory 53-1.

* denotes home team

SHOOTING

BISLEY: International short range match: Teams of 20: 1, English 20 Club 2067.283; 2, Scotland 2020.223; 3, Wales 2019.215. King George V Challenge Cup: Eastern Counties: 1, Hertfordshire 1163.176. Home Counties: 1, Berkshire 1173.

SQUASH

AMSTERDAM: European team championships: Men: Semi-finals: England 4 Germany 0 (England names first: C Walker bt H Wiens 9-3, 3-9, 5-9, 9-3, 9-1; S Parke bt C Bernard 9-3, 9-4, 9-1; D Harris bt R Neuer 9-4, 9-2, 9-1; M Cairns bt J Arndt 9-0, 9-0, 9-4); Finland 4 Sweden 0. Final: England 4 Finland 0. 3rd place play-off: Sweden 2 Germany 2 (Sweden win 9-8 on games countback). 5th place play-offs: Holland 2 Spain 2 (Holland win 8-6 on games countback); France 4 Belgium 0; Scotland 4 Switzerland 0; Wales 4 Ireland 0; France 3 Holland 1; Wales 3 Scotland 1; Wales 2 France 2. 7th place play-off: Scotland 3 Holland 1. 9th place play-offs: Spain 3 Belgium 1; Ireland 3 Switzerland 0. 13th place play-offs: Italy 3 Denmark 1. Austria 4 Israel 0. 17th place play-offs: Norway 4 Czech Republic 0; Greece 2 Portugal 2 (Greece win 9-8 on games countback).

Women: Semi-finals: England 3 Germany 0 (England names first: C Jackman bt S Schone 9-1, 9-3, 9-4; F Geaves bt S Bartel 9-0, 9-0, 9-6; S Wright bt B Seidler 5-9, 9-5, 9-7, 9-2); Holland 2 Scotland 1. Final: England 3 Holland 0. 3rd place play-off: Scotland 2 Germany 1. 5th place play-offs: France 2 Switzerland 1; Ireland 3 Denmark 0; France 2 Sweden 1; Finland 2 Ireland 1. 7th place play-off: Sweden 2 Ireland 1. 11th place play-offs: Austria 3 Italy 0; Spain 2 Wales 1. 15th place play-offs: Belgium 3 Czech Republic 0; Norway 3 Portugal 0.

CHINGFORD: British Satellite Circuit: Semi-finals: B Ford (Kent) bt S Townsend (Warwickshire) 9-1, 9-3, 9-4; J Russell (Kent) bt C Tomlinson (Kent) 9-6, 9-0, 9-0.

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP: Euro-Africa Zone: Group two: Ghana 1 Ireland 2; Ivory Coast 2 Finland 1; Belarus 2 Ukraine 3; Egypt 4 Monaco 1. Group three: Group A: Malta 2 Ethiopia 1; Kenya 2 Congo 1. Group B: Algeria 2 Senegal 1; Zambia 3 Sudan 0.

MOSCOW: Men's tournament: Final: J McEnroe (US) bt J Connors (US) 6-1, 7-5.

MONTE CARLO: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: T Muster (Austria) bt A Gaudenzi (It) 6-3, 7-6; B Becker (Ger) bt G Ivanisevic (Croat) 7-6, 3-6, 6-1. Final: Muster bt Becker 4-6, 5-7, 6-1, 7-6, 6-0.

SEOUL: Men's tournament: Final: G Rusedski (Can) bt L Rehmann (Ger) 6-4, 3-1.

BARCELONA: Women's tournament: Semi-finals: A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt A Coetzer (SA) 6-3, 6-3; I Majoli (Croat) bt K Nowak (Pol) 6-3, 6-1. Final: Sanchez Vicario bt Majoli 5-7, 6-0, 6-2.

ZAGREB: Women's tournament: Final: S Appelmans (Bel) bt S Meier (Ger) 6-4, 6-3.

EDINBURGH: LTA Spring satellite tournament: Finals: Men: J Delgado (GB) bt A Richardson (GB) 7-6, 6-2. Women: D Chladkova (Cz) bt K Jagieniak (Fr) 6-2, 6-2.

EDGBASTON: LTA series: Finals: Men: P Kreffield (Shropshire) bt S Booth (Warwickshire) 4-6, 6-2, 7-5. Women: K Von Stauseenberg (Worcestershire) bt K Burford (Worcestershire) 6-1, 3-6, 6-4.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Dealer North **Love all** **Rubber bridge**

North:
♠ —
♥ K Q 6 5 4
♦ A J 9 8 6 4
♣ A 3

West:
♠ 3
♥ A J 9 8 3 2
♦ 5
♣ J 9 8 7 2

East:
♠ A 10 9 2
♥ 7
♦ K 10 7 2
♣ Q 10 6 5

South:
♠ K Q J 8 7 6 5 4
♥ 10
♦ Q 3
♣ K 4

W	N	E	S
—	1♦	Pass	1♠
2♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Double	Redouble
All Pass			

Contract: Four Spades redoubled by South
Opening lead: Five of diamonds

By Robert Sheehan
BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

On this rubber bridge hand, I was West. My Two Heart overcall was a dubious action. The problem with passing is that East-West may have a good fit; the problem with bidding is that your partner may play you for more defensive strength.

It is not clear to me why North did not double Two Hearts. East's double of Four Spades is also doubtful. He knows that South must be full value for his Four Spade bid — after all, South had plenty of room over Two Hearts to make investigative moves.

The declarer wins the ace of diamonds in dummy and plays the king of hearts. What should West do when he takes the ace of hearts? When I won the ace of hearts I switched to a club. The declarer won the ace, and played the king of hearts. East ruffed with the nine of spades and declarer threw his losing diamond.

Now, when East continued with the king of diamonds, South ruffed low and subsequently made his contract with seven spade tricks, one diamond trick and two club tricks. Our only chance was for me to play a spade at trick three. I always find the play of putting partner in in trumps difficult to see. What happens here is that West wins the ace, cashes his king of diamonds and leads another diamond.

If South misjudges and ruffs high, East gets back his trump trick to beat the contract by one. If East's trump holding had been A J x x or A 10 x x x, the spade switch would have beaten the contract for certain.

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

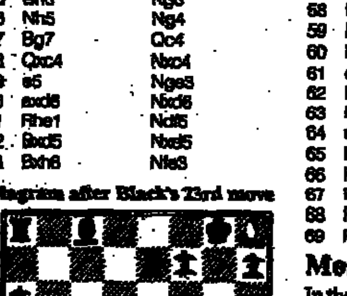
Complex games

In the 1920s, Capablanca claimed that chess was more or less played out and that soon the technique of the best players would become so good that only an endless series of draws would result. This theory has, however, been disproved. Modern games are fantastically complex and the following is one of the most mind-boggling to have been played this year.

White: Alexei Shirov
Black: Boris Gelfand
Seville, April 1995
Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	a6
6	Bg5	e6
7	f4	Nbd7
8	Qe2	Qc7
9	0-0-0	b5
10	g3	b4
11	Nd5	exd5
12	Bg2	Be7
13	Nf5	Nb6
14	Nxg7+	Kf8
15	Bh6	Kg8
16	Nh5	Ng4
17	Bg7	Qc4
18	Qxc4	Nxc4
19	e5	Nge3
20	exd6	Nxd6
21	Rhe1	Nd5
22	Bxd5	Nxd5
23	Bxh6	Nfe3

Diagram after Black's 23rd move



24	Nf6+	Bxf6
25	Rxd5	Kxh8
26	Rxe3	Be6
27	Rd6	Kg7
28	a4	h5
29	a5	Bf5
30	c3	bxc3
31	bxc3	Rc8
32	Kd2	Rc5
33	Rxa6	Rb5
34	Ra8	Rb2+
35	Ke1	Rxh2
36	a6	Ra2
37	a7	Ra1+
38	Kd2	Ra2+
39	Kc1	Kh7
40	c4	Ra1+
41	Kd2	Ra2+
42	Kd1	Kg7
43	Rg8+	Kxg8
44	Re8+	Kg7
45	a8Q	Bg4+
46	Kc1	Rxa8
47	Rxa8	Bd4
48	Kd2	Bf2
49	Ra3	Kf6
50	Rd3	Ke6
51	Kc3	Be2
52	Rd8	Ke7
53	Rd5	f6
54	Kd2	Bg4
55	Rd3	Ke6
56	Ra3	Kd7
57	Ra8	Bxg3
58	Rd8	Ke7
59	Ra8	h4
60	Ke3	h3
61	c5	h2
62	Ra1	Kf6
63	Rb1	Kf5
64	c6	Bd4+
65	Kf2	Bh3
66	Kf3	Bc7
67	Rb5+	Kf6
68	Rb1	Bb6
69	Rd1	White resigns

Moscow speed chess

In the Intel Grand Prix in Moscow, Garry Kasparov, Vladimir Kramnik, Viswanathan Anand and Vassily Ivanchuk have reached the semi-final stage. Jon Speelman, of Great Britain, was eliminated by Kasparov.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess every day in the sports pages of *The Times*.

By Philip Howard

PENANG LAWYER
a. A walking-stick
b. A Malayan barrister
c. A policeman's lathi

BOX WALLAH
a. A gharry driver
b. Professional fighter
c. A junior clerk

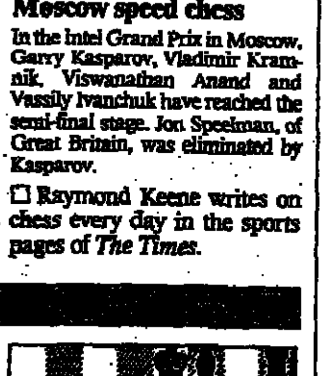
CHOTA PEG
a. Pig sticking
b. A tented cantonment
c. A small drink

KUKRI
a. A laughing jackass
b. A knife
c. Incandescent curry

Answers: page 41

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Duncan - Whiteley, St Peters de Beauvoir 1995. White is a piece down but soon gained a decisive material advantage. Can you see how he achieved this?



Solution: page 41

RUGBY UNION

Courage Clubs Championship

First division

Bath 13 Sale 18

Bath: Try: Penalty try. Con: Callard. Pens: Callard 2. Sale: Tries: Appleson, Baldwin. Cons: Liley. Pens: Liley 2.

Gloucester 17 Harlequins 28

Gloucester: Tries: Cornwell, Deveraux. Cons: Osborne 2. Pen: Osborne. Harlequins: Tries: Henderson, Mensah, penalty try. Cons: Staples 2. Pens: Staples 2. Dropped goal: Staples.

Leicester 17 Bristol 3

Leicester: Try: Potter. Pens: Liley 3. Dropped goal: Harris. Bristol: Pen: Tainton.

Wasps 53 Orrell 25

Wasps: Tries: Dunn, Greenstock, Greenwood, D Hopley, P Hopley, Kinsey, Ufton, White. Cons: Andrew 4, P Hopley. Pens: Andrew. Orrell: Tries: Langford, Naylor. Pens: Ainscough 4, Langford.

West Hartlepool 12 Northampton 21

West Hartlepool: Tries: Cook, O Evans. Con: Stimpson. Northampton: Tries: Allen, Seely. Con: Grayson. Pens: Grayson 2. Dropped goals: Hepher.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester	18	15	1	2	400	239	31
Bath	18	12	3	3	373	245	27
Wasps	18	13	0	5	469	313	26
Sale	18	7	2	9	327	343	16
Orrell	18	6	3	9	256	325	15
Bristol	18	7	0	11	301	353	14
Gloucester	18	6	1	11	269	336	13
Harlequins	18	6	1	11	275	348	13
West Hartlepool	18	6	1	11	312	412	13
Northampton	18	6	0	12	267	335	12

LEADING SCORERS: 198: M Tainton (Bristol; 11 conversions, 56 penalty goals, 2 dropped goal). 189: P Grayson (Northampton; 1 try, 11c, 52pg, 2dg). 181: J Harris (Leicester; 11c, 40pg, 13dg). 156: J Callard (Bath; 1t, 14c, 39pg). 135: R Andrew (Wasps; 2t, 19c, 26pg, 3dg). 108: P Challinor (Harlequins; 1t, 4c, 28pg, 2dg). 99: J Liley (Leicester; 3t, 6c, 24pg). 98: T Stimpson (West Hartlepool; 2t, 13c, 19pg). 92: P Turner (Sale; 1t, 18c, 14pg, 3dg). 85: M Mapletoft (Gloucester; 2t, 9c, 19pg). 61: S Langford (Orrell; 1t, 2c, 24pg). Tries: 8: P Holford (Gloucester). 7: D Hopley (Wasps), P Hopley (Wasps), I Wynn (Orrell), & D Eves (Bristol). 5: A Adebayo (Bath), L Dallaglio (Wasps), N Greenstock (Wasps), S Hackney (Leicester), P Hodder (West Hartlepool), J Mallinder (Sale), G Stocks (Sale). Dropped goals: 13: Harris. 6: M Kimber (Gloucester).

Second division

Coventry 11 Moseley 22

Coventry: Try: Gee. Pen: Hart. Dropped goal: Hart. Moseley: Try: Robinson. Con: Hodgkinson. Pens: Hodgkinson 5.

Fylde 8 Wakefield 11

Fylde: Try: Greatorex. Pen: I Barclay. Wakefield: Try: Falkingham. Pens: Jackson 2.

London Irish 32 Newcastle Gos 22

London Irish: Tries: Hennessy, penalty try. Cons: Corcoran 2. Pens: Corcoran 5. Dropped goal: Corcoran. Newcastle Gosforth: Tries: Penn 2, Corry. Cons: Mason 2. Pen: Mason.

London Scottish 22 Saracens 7

London Scottish: Tries: Ferguson, Millard. Pens: Steele 3. Dropped goal: Steele. Saracens: Try: Penalty try. Con: Tunningley.

Waterloo 11 Nottingham 14

Waterloo: Try: Ryan. Pens: Swindells 2. Nottingham: Try: Smallwood. Pens: Stent 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saracens	18	15	1	2	389	213	31
Wakefield	18	12	1	5	354	261	25
Newcastle Gos	18	8	2	8	373	281	18
London Scottish	18	9	0	9	351	321	18
London Irish	18	9	0	9	363	381	18
Moseley	18	8	1	9	299	303	17
Nottingham	18	8	1	9	299	322	17
Waterloo	18	8	0	10	287	331	16
Fylde	18	8	0	10	250	329	16
Coventry	18	2	0	16	213	436	4

LEADING SCORERS: 213: M Jackson (Wakefield; 2 tries, 16 conversions, 57 penalty goals). 193: S Mason (Newcastle Gosforth; 1t, 21c, 45pg, 2 dropped goal). 162: A Tunningley (Saracens; 3t, 21c, 35pg). 160: S Swindells (Waterloo; 8c, 48pg). 164: M Corcoran (London Irish; 3t, 16c, 38pg, 1dg). 156: S Hodgkinson (Moseley; 12c, 41pg, 3dg). 97: I Stent (Nottingham; 2t, 6c, 25pg). 92: M Gallagher (Nottingham; 1t, 6c, 25pg). 91: A Parker (Fylde; 11c, 23pg). 90: R Angell (Coventry; 3c, 26pg, 2dg). Tries: 8: T Penn (Newcastle Gosforth). 7: J Green (Saracens), M Thompson (Wakefield). 6: P Harries (Saracens), R Henderson (London Irish). 5: G Anderton (Fylde), M Douglas (Coventry), S Gough (Fylde), B Hanavan (Fylde), M Corry (Newcastle Gosforth) Dropped goals: 5: I Barclay (Fylde). 4: J Steele (London Scottish), M Walker (London Scottish).

Third division

Bedford 21 Richmond 20

Bedford: Tries: Cook, Harris, Whetstone. Cons: Finnie 3. Richmond: Tries: Cuthbert, Luger. Cons: Gregory 2. Pens: Gregory 2.

Clifton 19 Rugby 37

Clifton: Tries: Swales, Wyatt. Pens: Hogg 3. Rugby: Tries: Bishop, Burdett, Gardner, Gillooly, Palmer. Cons: Quantrill 3. Pens: Quantrill 2.

Exeter 0 Blackheath 28

Blackheath: Tries: Friday, Howard, Ridgway. Cons: Howard 2. Pens: Howard 3.

Harrogate 35 Rosslyn Park 50

Harrogate: Tries: Caldwell, Easterby, Marcroft, Reed. Cons: Clappison 3. Pens: Clappison 3. Rosslyn Park: Tries: Giffin 2, King 2, Barnett, Brooks, Duthie, Vander. Cons: King 5.

Otley 6 Morley 9

Otley: Pens: Atkinson, Hawkins. Morley: Pens: Grayshon 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bedford	18	13	1	4	421	250	27
Blackheath	18	12	2	4	299	190	26
Rugby	18	11	0	7	355	271	22
Rosslyn Park	18	10	0	8	313	280	20
Morley	18	9	2	7	277	326	20
Otley	18	9	0	9	278	258	18
Harrogate	18	7	2	9	275	404	16
Richmond	18	6	1	11	319	290	13
Clifton	18	5	1	12	242	344	11
Exeter	18	3	1	14	153	319	7

LEADING SCORERS: 226: A Finnie (Bedford; 24 conversions, 58 penalty goals, 4 dropped goals). 167: P Rutledge (Otley; 6 tries, 13c, 37pg). 166: J Grayshon (Morley; 2t, 12c, 39pg, 5dg). 147: S Howard (Blackheath; 1t, 11c, 38pg, 2dg). 133: J Gregory (Richmond; 1t, 19c, 30pg). 131: J Quantrill (Rugby; 2t, 20c, 27pg). 116: S Hogg (Clifton; 1t, 9c, 28pg, 5dg). 110: D Clappison (Harrogate; 1t, 12c, 26pg, 2dg). Tries: 8: D Bishop (Rugby). 7: R Bell (Harrogate), A Clark (Morley), E Saunders (Rugby). 6: S Benton (Morley), P Rutledge (Otley), B Whetstone (Bedford). 5: A Cuthbert (Richmond), M Griffiths (Blackheath), M Palmer (Rugby), C Reed (Harrogate), T Smither (Rosslyn Park). Dropped goals: 5: Grayshon. 4: Finnie.

Fourth division

Aspatria 32 Redruth 19
Havant 27 Plymouth 25
Leeds 60 Broughton Park 8
Reading 52 Askeans 34
Rotherham 25 Liverpool St H 23

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rotherham	18	17	0	1	576	267	34
Reading	18	14	1	3	435	319	29
Liverpool St H	18	10	3	5	374	243	23
Havant	18	10	2	6	390	330	22
Leeds	18	8	0	10	335	291	16
Aspatria	18	7	1	10	265	378	15
Redruth	18	6	2	10	309	387	14
Plymouth	18	4	2	12	324	381	10
Askeans	18	4	1	13	257	451	9
Broughton Park	18	4	0	14	217	435	8

Fifth division north

Hereford 16 Kendal 23

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Walsall	12	10	1	1	389	110	21
Kendal	12	9	1	2	226	162	19
Preston G	12	8	1	3	187	137	17
Wharfedale	12	6	1	5	209	198	13
Lichfield	12	6	0	6	217	208	12
Stourbridge	12	6	0	6	166	174	12
Stoke	12	5	1	6	154	154	11
Winnington Park	12	5	1	6	173	214	11
Sheffield	12	5	0	7	156	197	10
Birmingham	12	5	0	7	187	226	10
Nuneaton	12	4	0	8	129	161	8
Barkers Butts	12	4	0	8	98	233	8
Hereford	12	1	2	9	153	250	4

Heineken League

First division

Cardiff 20 Newport 24

Cardiff: Tries: Budd, Ford. Cons: C John 2. Pens: C John 2. Newport: Tries: R Rees 2. Con: M Jones. Pens: M Jones 4.

Dunvant 32 Newbridge 10

Dunvant: Tries: Morris 2, C Davies, W Lloyd. Cons: Thomas 3. Pens: Thomas 2. Newbridge: Try: Taylor. Con: Withers. Pen: Withers.

Llanelli [illegible] Neath 36

Llanelli: Tries: S Davies, E Hughes, I Jones. Cons: Strange 4. Neath: Tries: G Llewellyn, Morris, Scott, Woodland, Wyatt. Cons: M McCarthy 2. Pens: M McCarthy. Dropped goal: M McCarthy.

Pontypool 19 Bridgend 63

Pontypool: Tries: Morris 2, Thomas. Cons: Williams 2. Bridgend: Tries: G Jones 3, Howley 2, Williams 2, Back, Forster, Greenslade, Purnell. Cons: Back 4.

Swansea 29 Abertillery 35

Swansea: Tries: Harris 3, Jenkins. Cons: Harris 3. Pen: Harris. Abertillery: Tries: Harbeson, McCorduck, Picton, Richards. Cons: M Williams 3. Pens: M Williams 3.

Treorchy 14 Pontypridd 9

Treorchy: Try: Owen. Pens: Lloyd 3. Pontypridd: Pens: Jarvis 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cardiff	22	18	0	4	672	269	36
Pontypridd	22	17	0	5	555	255	34
Treorchy	22	13	0	9	479	312	26
Neath	22	12	2	8	379	398	26
Bridgend	22	12	1	9	518	451	25
Swansea	22	12	0	10	475	400	24
Llanelli	22	10	0	12	459	409	20
Newport	22	9	0	13	386	433	18
Newbridge	22	8	0	14	302	452	16
Abertillery	22	8	0	14	349	604	16
Dunvant	22	7	1	14	333	542	15
Pontypool	22	4	0	18	293	655	8

Second division

Abercynon 24 Bonymaen 15

Abercynon: Tries: N Edwards, J Edwards, Savage. Cons: Savage 3. Pen: Savage. Bonymaen: Tries: M John 2. Con: Roberts. Dropped goal: Morgan.

Cross Keys 21 Tenby Utd 9

Cross Keys: Tries: Bushell, Hanson. Con: Bushell. Pens: Bushell 3. Tenby Utd: Pens: Bowen 3.

Llanharan 16 Aberavon 15

Llanharan: Try: Marry. Con: Jervis. Pen: Jarvis. Dropped goals: Jarvis 2. Aberavon: Pens: Watts 4. Dropped goal: Watts.

Maesteg 20 Llandovery 11

Maesteg: Tries: Davey, Lloyd. Cons: Pearce 2. Pens: Pearce 2. Llandovery: Try: Davies. Pens: C Jones 2.

Narberth 9 Ebbw Vale 39

Narberth: Pens: R Dix 3. Ebbw Vale: Tries: Worgan 2, Young 2, Jewitt, Watkins. Cons: C Thomas 3. Pens: C Thomas

Penarth 19 S Wales Police 21

Penarth: Tries: Howells, Rosser. Pens: Miller 2. Dropped goal: Miller. South Wales Police: Tries: Hamburrow, Legge, Williams. Pens: Price 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberavon	22	17	0	5	506	263	34
Ebbw Vale	22	16	1	5	447	283	33
Abercynon	22	16	1	5	380	260	33
S Wales Police	22	12	2	8	413	357	26
Bonymaen	22	11	1	10	370	312	23
Maesteg	22	10	1	11	365	388	21
Tenby Utd	22	10	0	12	290	374	20
Llandovery	22	9	0	13	313	363	18
Llanharan	22	9	0	13	316	319	18
Cross Keys	22	8	0	14	292	438	16
Narberth	22	6	2	14	299	446	14
Penarth	22	4	0	18	289	477	8

Third division

Blaina 10 Builth Wells 17
Caerphilly 42 Aberavon Quins 7
Glamorgan Wdrs 9 Tondu 41
Pontypool Utd 3 Mountain Ash 22
Tredegar 40 Kenfig Hill 24
Ystradgynlais 33 Blackwood 0

Club matches

Lichfield 64 Towcestrians 11
Met Police 62 Streatham 7
Nuneaton 15 Bridgwater 8
Wharfedale 62 Morpeth 13

CANCELLED: Camborne v Brixham; Preston Grasshoppers v Northern; Stourbridge v Hull Ionians; Walsall v Lydney; Weston-super-Mare v Devonport Services.

International match

Australia 53 Argentina 7

Australia: Tries: Lynagh 2, Eales, Pini, Ofahengaue, Smith, Campese. Pens: Lynagh 4. Cons: Lynagh 3. Argentina: Try: Pichot. Con: Arbizu.

(in Brisbane)

Japan 25 Romania 30
(in Tokyo)

Tour match

Colomiers 27 Italy XV 22
(at Colomiers)

Other match

W Province 25 President's XV 27
(in Cape Town)

Representative matches

Wales u-19 36 Scotland u-19 6
(at Llanelli)

Wales u-18 29 Scotland u-18 18
(at Llanelli)

Women's international

Scotland 10 Italy 12
(at Boroughmuir)

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FA Carling Premiership
Coventry v Man Utd (8.0)

Vauxhall Conference
Bath v Woking (7.45)
Stafford v Merthyr (7.45)

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Worcester v Corby. Southern division: Salisbury v Havant; Wealdstone v Bury Town.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Les Phillips Cup: Semi-finals: Tiverton v Elmore; Taunton v Melksham.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Almondsbury v Kintbury; Pegasus Juniors v Tuffley.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Brierley Hill v Willenhall; Paget v Chasetown.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Kidsgrove v Bootle; Prescot v Holker Old Boys.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Langney Sports v East Grinstead; Peacehaven/Telscombe v Ringmer; Wick v Oakwood.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashfield v Belper Town.

SCOT NISBET TESTIMONIAL MATCH: Rangers v Rangers International Select (at Ibrox).

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City v Arsenal (at Clevedon Town FC); Bristol Rovers v Ipswich (at Yate Town FC); Portsmouth v Oxford Utd (7.0); Queens Park Rangers v Norwich (at Harrow Borough FC, 7.0); Wimbledon v Watford (at Plough Lane, 2.0). Second division: Bath v Cheltenham (at Keynsham FC); Plymouth v Bournemouth (2.0); Torquay v Cardiff (2.0).

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa v West Bromwich Albion (7.0); Liverpool v Wolverhampton Wanderers (at Southport FC, 7.0); Stoke v Leeds (7.0). Second division: Mansfield v Burnley (7.0); Middlesbrough v Hull (7.0); Preston v York (7.0).

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools Premier League Trophy: Under-16: Semi-final, second replay: Greater Manchester v West Midlands (at Bellvue, 7.15). Northumberland Youth Cup: North Tyneside v East Northumberland (at Seaton Burn, 4.45).

CRICKET

11.30, final day of four

HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Lancashire

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): Chester-le-Street: Durham v Glamorgan. Chelmsford: Essex v Derbyshire. Oakham: Leicestershire v Yorkshire. North Perrott: Somerset v Gloucestershire. Cheam: Surrey v Middlesex. Hove: Sussex v Lancashire. Knowle and Dorridge: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire.

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SANDOWN PARK

Going: good to firm (chase course); good, good to firm in places (Flat)

2.10 (5f 6yd) 1, Mubhij (W Carson, 9-4 fav); 2, Bahamian Knight (3-1); 3, First Fiddler (4-1). 12 ran. Hd, ½l. B Hills. Tote: £3.70; £1.40, £1.80, £1.90. DF: £4.50. Trio £10.10. CSF: £9.06.

2.45 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Coulton (J Osborne, 11-10 fav); 2, Young Hustler (3-1); 3, Southolt (2-1). 5 ran. 2½l, 8l. O Sherwood. Tote: £2.10; £1.20, £1.80. DF: £2.20. CSF: £4.47.

3.25 (3m 5f 110yd ch) 1, Cache Fleur (R Dunwoody, 10-1); 2, Country Member (5-1 fav); 3, Gaelstrom (6-1). 14 ran. 4l, 11l. M Pipe. Tote: £8.20; £1.80, £2.10, £2.60. DF: £21.10. Trio: £61.50. CSF: £52.99. Tricast: £298.18.

4.00 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Pentire (M Hills, 25-1); 2, Singspiel (8-1); 3, Balliol Boy (9-1). Torrential 7-4 fav. 8 ran. Nk, 1½l. G Wragg. Tote: £25.30; £4.10, £2.10, £2.10. DF: £68.80. CSF: £179.86.

4.35 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Prince Of Andros (J Weaver, 6-1); 2, Nicolotte (5-1); 3, Ionio (9-2). Desert Shot 11-10 fav. 5 ran. NR: Midnight Legend. 2l, sh hd. D Loder. Tote: £6.80; £2.00, £2.00. DF: £23.60. CSF: £28.94.

5.05 (5f 6yd) 1, Double Quick (J Weaver, 9-1); 2, Katya (4-1 jt-fav); 3, Lago Di Varano (5-1). Signs 4-1 jt-fav. 9 ran. 2½l, hd. M Johnston. Tote: £12.00; £2.90, £1.70, £1.90. DF: £21.80. Trio: £58.20. CSF: £40.83. Tricast: £179.91.

5.35 (1m 14yd) 1, Hoh Express? — 1, Hollye (Pat Eddery, 3-1 fav, Thunderer's nap, Private Handicapper's top rating and Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Intiram (7-2); 3, Els-Aristokrati (7-1). 13 ran. NR: Floridante, Rockforce. Sh hd, 2l. H Cecil. Tote: £3.20; £1.70, £1.80, £3.20. DF: £3.80. Trio: £12.20. CSF: £12.88. Tricast: £54.56. Rockforce (10-1) withdrawn, not under orders. Rule 4 applies to all bets. Deduction of 5p in the pound.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £14,223.48 carried forward to Pontefract today).

Placepot: £245.50. *Quadpot*: £81.40.

LEICESTER

2.00 1, South Salem (7-4 fav); 2, Aussie (14-1); 3, Pleasure Time (15-2). 12 ran.

2.30 1, Cherrington (9-1); 2, Midyan Blue (14-1); 3, Farringdon Hill (7-1). Benfleet 9-2 jt-fav. 13 ran.

3.00 1, The Old Chapel (9-1); 2, Tatika (9-1); 3, First Gold (12-1). Yet More Roses 9-4 fav. 15 ran.

3.30 1, Hardy Dancer (10-1); 2, Shinerolla (3-1 fav); 3, Yoush (16-1); 4, Mihriz (14-1). 18 ran.

4.05 1, Young Ern (4-1); 2, Mistle Cat (7-1); 3, Hever Golf Rose (9-1). Star Talent 2-1 fav. 8 ran. NR: Jaleica.

4.40 1, In Camera (8-13 fav); 2†, Horesti (7-1); 2†, Roufontaine (33-1). 13 ran. £3.20.

5.10 1, Godwin (2-1 fav); 2, Hagwah (5-2); 3, Henlya (10-1). 12 ran.

5.40 1, Bold Look (25-1); 2, Porte Belloch (25-1); 3, Rock The Barney (8-1); 4, South Eastern Fred (6-1). Beacaby Boy 9-2 fav. 18 ran. NR: Cheveley Dancer.

RIPON

2.05 1, Tropical Jungle (5-2 fav), 2, Bold Mick (8-1); 3, Spitfire Bridge (13-2). 17 ran. NR: Chipela.

2.35 1, Kunucu (11-2); 2, Top Cat (5-1), 3, Butterwick Belle (8-2). Miss Waterline 7-2 fav. 16 ran. NR: Superfrills.

3.05 1, Tovarich (8-1); 2, Mr Cube (16-1); 3, Thatched (4-1 fav); 4, Murphy's Gold (14-1). 17 ran.

3.40 1, Argyle Cavalier (7-1); 2, Uncle Doug (3-1); 3, Mondragon (9-1). 10 ran. After a stewards' inquiry, the first two placings were reversed.

4.15 1, Murajja (2-9 fav); 2, Eight Sharp (5-1); 3, Vin St Koola (8-1). 3 ran.

4.45 1, The Scythian (16-1); 2, French Grit (13-2); 3, Brecongill Lad (12-1). Best Of All 7-2 fav. 13 ran. NR: Forzair, Thick As Thieves. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

WOLVERHAMPTON

7.00 1, Shanghai Lil (12-1); 2, Frans Lad (9-1); 3, Speedy Snaps Pride (5-1). Embezzler 2-1 fav. 9 ran.

7.30 1, One For Jeannie (6-1); 2, Ultra Beet (11-8 fav); 3, Daily Starshine (7-1). 7 ran. NR: Lift Boy.

8.00 1, Heathyards Lady (4-1); 2, Words Of Wisdom (13-2); 3, Panther (11-4 jt-fav). Titanium Honda 11-4 jt-fav. 8 ran. NR: Apollo Red, Fighter Squadron, La Residence, Prince Rodney.

8.30 1, Jaraab (8-1); 2, Red Whirlwind (7-1); 3, Premier Dance (9-1). Shakiyr 6-4 fav. 11 ran. NR: Sure Pride.

9.00 1, Nameless (3-1); 2, Bites (100-30); 3, Penny Parkes (4-7 fav). 3 ran. NR: Brass'O'Shieldhill.

9.30 1, Rolling Waters (8-1); 2, Raba (10-1); 3, Quinzii Martin (14-1). Eastleigh 11-4 fav. 13 ran.

HEXHAM

5.50 1, Super Sandy (9-4 jt-fav); 2, Monokratic (20-1); 3, Gymcrak Sovereign (9-4 jt-fav). It's The Pits 9-4 jt-fav. 6 ran. NR: Just Molly.

6.20 1, Palacegate King (3-1 fav); 2, Abbot Of Furness (7-2); 3, Scarba (8-1). 10 ran.

6.50 1, Royal Stream (9-2); 2, Cot Lane (14-1); 3, The Major General (4-1 fav). 20 ran.

7.20 1, The Grey Monk (2-5 fav); 2, Bangabunny (50-1); 3, Marked Card (25-1). 12 ran.

7.50 1, The Lorryman (9-2); 2, Golden Fiddle (5-4 fav); 3, Mr Setaside (5-1). 13 ran.

8.20 1, Lottery Ticket (9-4 fav); 2, Stone The Crows (7-2); 3, Bridled Tern (8-1). 21 ran.

MARKET RASEN

2.15 1, Gorby's Myth (6-1); 2, Moobakkr (14-1); 3, Drumcullen (12-1). Bonnifer 100-30 fav. 16 ran.

2.50 1, Take The Last (12-1); 2, Classic Exhibit (7-2 fav); 3, Innocent George (9-2). 12 ran.

3.20 1, Mr Jamboree (10-11 fav); 2, Secret Summit (40-1); 3, Deep Decision (8-1). 7 ran.

3.55 1, Countorus (9-4); 2, Kiveton Tycoon (9-2); 3, Dual Image (15-8 fav). 7 ran.

4.30 1, Mr Taylor (13-2); 2, John Naman (20-1); 3, Marsh's Law (8-1); 4, Chadwick's Ginger (12-1). Kenmore-Speed 7-2 fav. 19 ran. NR: Hard To Get, Major Fredie, Witoski.

5.00 1, The Carrot Man (9-2); 2, Master's Crown (8-1); 3, Auburn Boy (3-1 jt-fav). Manamour 3-1 jt-fav. 8 ran. NR: Truss.

5.30 1, Anabranch (10-1); 2, Feldspar (9-2); 3, Alzulu (9-2). Clashawan 11-4 fav. 20 ran.

WORCESTER

5.40 1, Miss Haggis (2-1 fav); 2, Shuttlingslow (66-1); 3, Twice A Night (5-2). 20 ran. NR: Not To Panic, Storm Heights.

6.10 1, Pontynyswen (5-2 jt-fav); 2, Whippers Delight (9-1); 3, Kytton Castle (5-2 jt-fav). 14 ran.

6.40 1, Edimbourg (11-4 fav); 2, Gallateen (7-2); 3, Andermatt (12-1). 13 ran.

7.10 1, Eden's Close (9-1); 2, Tactical Mission (10-1); 3, Muskora (7-4 fav). 15 ran.

7.40 1, Mr Golightly (11-4); 2, Final Pride (11-10 fav); 3, Merino Waltz (25-1). 17 ran. NR: Rogevic Belle.

8.10 1, Henry Cone (10-1); 2, Devil's Corner (11-1); 3, Crane Hill (10-1); 4, Ragtime Boy (33-1). Cuchulains Gold 3-1 fav. 24 ran. NR: Jungle King.

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Bath's reign brought to an end

Leicester entitled to savour role of leading club

Leicester	17
Bristol	3

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

YOU do not often find seasoned internationals expressing envy of their less-talented colleagues, but they did at Welford Road on Saturday. Five of Leicester's England players forced by World Cup demands to sit out the climax of the Courage Clubs Championship did so amid the swirling emotions, raw nerves and, finally, the tumultuous reception given by nearly 14,000 to the new league champions.

But for all the contribution the Underwoods and the international forwards have made this season, it was apt for Leicester that their reserves should have their day of glory, that such players as Jelley, Grant and Drake-Lee should bask in the public approbation. For this is a club in the broadest sense of the word, the best-organised club on and off the field in the country.

The bare bones of the new stand are already rising at the Welford Road end as Leicester prepare for a new millennium. Yet more important than timber and metal are the people who run Leicester, the amateur administrators in an increasingly professional game, whose belief in what is right for *their* club is unmatched. Without bombast, they have kept pace with rugby's changing face. They have their players' company, their commercial office, their thriving shop, but amid the trappings are an integrity and a feet-on-the-ground approach that make Welford Road a fitting home for the league title in this most material of decades.

The huge bond between club and city was evident in the acknowledgment from the players to the crowd before and after Dean Richards had received the league trophy from Dennis Easby, the president of the Rugby Football Union. Who better to receive it? Richards is a legend in Leicester, an absolute presence on the field and modest to a fault off it.

"This means everything to me," he said as the trophy was passed around for the first time since 1988. "I have played for Leicester since I was 18 and when we won the league seven years ago it was a momentous occasion. But for me to be captain just about surpasses that." Richards puts such achievements up alongside grand slams and British Isles tours: you know he means it because he is involved in rugby for old-fashioned reasons, for the enjoyment of playing a hard game with and against friends.

In all probability, Richards will captain Leicester again next season when they bid to build on this achievement. Rory Underwood believes his club to be in the same position as England four years ago: essentially a forward-dominated side that needs to establish all-round credentials. It is Leicester's fond hope that the league title, after Bath's four-year domination, will be merely a platform for greater things.

The fact that the league trophy was one of only three awards on Saturday suggests they are well-equipped for the future. Both their second team and under-21 team won season-long competitions, emphasising Leicester's ability to produce their own players. Only one outsider of note, Tim Stimpson, from West Hartlepool, is registered for next season.

It was said of the cup-winning Leicester sides of 1979 to 1981, which were blessed with good backs though not so well-endowed up front, that they successfully papered over the cracks. To a degree, they still do, through the depth of their defence and their ability to put pressure on opponents. A somewhat rudderless Bristol, Eves and Denney apart, never came to terms with the latter.

Jez Harris, for example, may not be many people's idea of an international stand-off half, but he is at least the equal of anybody else in the first division, with the obvious exception of Rob Andrew. If that says more about the standard of English half backs, that is not Harris's fault. On Saturday, he was relaxed, played the angles, dropped the goal that equals his own club record for a season, 14, and used his backs far more than the scoreline suggests. Once a delightful try was the result and better passing might have meant two more.

But entertainment was not on the agenda — winning was. From the influential Poole and the pugnacious Cockerill in the pack, through to Liley at full back, they played sensible, contained rugby, as they have all season. They are worthy champions.

SCORERS: Leicester; Try: Potter. Penalty goals: Liley (3). Dropped goal: Harris. Bristol: Penalty goal: Tainton.
LEICESTER: J Liley; S Hackney, S Potter, R Robinson, W Kilford; J Harris, A Kardooni; D Jelley, R Cockerill, D Garforth, J Wells, P Grant, M Poole, W Drake-Lee, D Richards.
BRISTOL: P Hull; D John, N Smith, M Denney, G Sharp; M Tainton, M Chudleigh; A Ozdemir, M Regan, D Hinkins, R Armstrong, M Fountaine, G Archer, D Eves, I Patten.
Referee: J Wallis (Somerset).

DES JENSON

Richards, the Leicester captain, enjoys his side's success

Moore rumbles into rueful retirement

Andrew Longmore
watches Harlequins
beat relegation but lose
their battling hooker

MARC ASPLAND

After years of fierce commitment and occasional controversy, English rugby finally is seeing the back of Brian Moore

THE moment of triumph for Phil Greening came in the final minutes of the game. A Harlequins put-in, a Moore error and the England Colts hooker had a story to tell his grandchildren, a strike against the head in Brian Moore's last league scrum. To make matters worse, Gloucester scored an academic try to reduce the scoreline to 17-28. It was not the memory the ultimate competitor would have chosen to round off his first-class career in England.

The residents of the Gloucester Shed, who have given the England hooker a mouthful or two down the years, jeered only to burst into robust applause moments later as their villain chose to rumble over to their terrace to mark his farewell rather than acknowledge the large contingent of stripe-tied Quins supporters in the main stand.

"The Gloucester crowd have always given me some stick," Moore said, "but I've always had the feeling that they would be behind me when I pulled on an England shirt. Anyway, I wouldn't want them thinking I was nice and harmless." Never any danger of that, on either side. It was a telling gesture. Moore's spikiness would have been better suited to earthy Gloucester than dandy Quins.

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Moore's retirement had all the hallmarks of a decision made in haste and, possibly, repented in leisure. While Mike Teague, the day's other distinguished retiree, had his future Saturdays all worked out — "I'll be sitting in a rocking chair, feet up and supping a pint of cider" — Moore had clearly not considered the prospect of blank winter afternoons.

"It's a bit frightening," Moore admitted. "Maybe I'll play a bit of junior rugby, see if I can accept playing at that standard. I'll miss it hugely."

But, no, he added with a haste that suggested he dared not countenance the idea, he would not be changing his mind. "I don't want to get to the situation where people are agreeing I should retire," he said. "I want to go out at the top. I hope to do that in the best possible way by winning the World Cup."

At least, Quins stayed at the top too, keeping their pinstripes and condemning Northampton to a year on the factory floor. Whether the brush with peril will prove a turning point in the slapdash attitude of the game's traditional city slickers is another matter.

Sporadic bursts of style, the odd strutting half, is no longer enough to ensure survival in an increasingly competitive league and Moore's barely-masked exasperation with his side's inconsistency, so at odds with his own lust for perfection, might even have prompted his decision to retire from all first-class rather than just international rugby. Victory over Gloucester, easy at the beginning, comfortable in the end, harder than it should have been in the middle, telescoped the season's problems.

Without Moore, though, Quins will find consistency harder to pin down than ever. "It's no good flying the flags at half-mast," Richardson added. "Brian's gone and now I'll say to his replacement: 'You go and get 50 caps for England.'"

That is Greening's dream, too. The night before the game, as Moore was reflecting on his first senior match, against Moseley for Nottingham 13 years ago, Greening, 19, was anxiously contemplating a league debut against England's most feared hooker.

"I must admit I was panicking a bit because it was Brian Moore," he said. "I'd been warned he would be really aggressive and try to psyche me out, but it was weird. He was really very quiet. He's certainly not the nastiest hooker I've played against." Maybe it is time to go, after all.

SCORERS: Gloucester: Tries: Cornwell, Devereux. Conversions: Osborne (2). Penalty goal: Osborne. Harlequins: Tries: Henderson, Mensah, penalty try. Conversions: Staples (2). Penalty goals: Staples (2). Dropped goal: Staples.
GLOUCESTER: T Smith; P Holford, D Caskie, M Roberts, L Osborne; M Kimber, M Hannaford; A Windo, P Greening, A Deacon, P Glanville, M Cornwell, S Devereux, P Ashmead, M Teague. Hannaford replaced by B Fenley (72min).
HARLEQUINS: J Staples; C Henderson, W Carling, P Mensah, S Bromley; P Challinor, R Kitchin; J Leonard, B Moore, A Mullins, M Watson, A Snow, P Thresher, R Jenkins, C Sheasby.
Referee: S Piercy (Yorkshire).

Hall's leaving party turns sour

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BY BRYAN STILES

JOHN HALL, the inspirational Bath captain, is in danger of missing the Pilkington Cup final on Saturday because of an injured right shoulder. He damaged it in the first minute against Sale and when he felt he was becoming a liability to his team he went off, in the 34th minute.

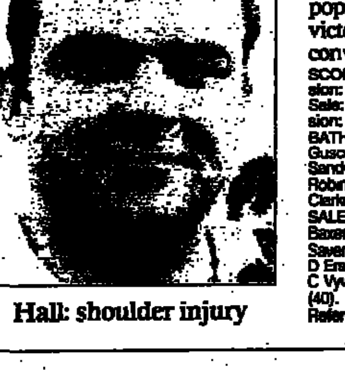
He is hoping that treatment will enable him to face Wasps at Twickenham and complete one part of a double that was almost his. Having achieved the league and cup double last year, he had schemed to secure it again, but this defeat and Leicester's victory over Bristol saw the Courage Clubs Championship pass to the Midlanders. Saturday at the Recreation Ground had been billed as a celebration of Hall's and Tony Swift's last game at the ground as Bath players. They even had a replica of the championship cup ready to present to Bath if they managed to snatch the title. But it was the enterprising guests from Sale who became the life and soul of the party, inflicting *Bath's first home defeat since* March 1992, when Wasps produced their sting.

The last appearances at the Recreation Ground of the two Bath stalwarts mark the end of an era. Both figured largely in the phenomenal success achieved by the club in the last decade, Swift for his try-poaching and Hall for his uncompromising work in the Bath pack.

Bath's habit of winning everything in sight has taken a knock this season, as they narrowly scraped home in a number of games, but they must still have gone into this match hoping their luck would hold and they would collect their fifth successive championship.

In the event, they succumbed to a much more enterprising team and they probably were saved even further embarrassment as Sale were unable to bring Paul Turner, their leading conjuror, to the leaving party.

Bath were suffering from *cup fever — the inability to* apply full commitment for fear of missing the cup final through injury or staleness. They did, however, forget their inhibitions late in the second half. Their powerful rolling maul drove Sale 20 yards to the tryline, where they were awarded a penalty try when the maul was pulled down deliberately.



Hall: shoulder injury

Bath trailed for most of the *game, a try from short range* by Baldwin and a penalty goal from Liley giving Sale an 8-0 lead at the interval.

Liley kicked another penalty goal before Bath roused themselves. Jonathan Callard kicked a penalty goal, converted the penalty try, then put Bath in front for the only time with another penalty, but up popped Appleson to secure victory with a try that Liley converted.

SCORERS: Bath: Try: Penalty try. Conversion: Callard. Penalty goals: Callard (2). Sale: Tries: Baldwin, Appleson. Conversion: Liley. Penalty goals: Liley (2).
BATH: J Callard; A Swift, A Adebayo, J Guscott, J Sleightholme; R Butland, I Sanders; K Yates, G Dawe, D Crompton, A Robinson, M Haag, N Redman, J Hall, B Clarke. Hall replaced by G Adams (34min).
SALE: J Mallinder; M Appleson, J Baxendell, M Birt, C Yates; R Liley, C Saverimutto; P Smith, S Diamond, A Smith, D Erskine, J Fowler, D Baldwin, N Ashurst, C Vyvyan. Ashurst replaced by D O'Grady (40).
Referee: E Morrison (Somerset).

Smallwood guides Nottingham to safety

BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

EACH of the five matches in the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship on Saturday could have affected relegation, but, in effect, only three did, with Fylde eventually slipping down with Coventry, as Nottingham and Moseley overtook them at Waterloo and Coundon Road respectively.

In the county championship final the previous weekend, Andy Smallwood aided Warwickshire's success with some solid tackling, but it was the Nottingham wing's creativity that saw his side to safety, his fourth try of the league season helping them to overcome Waterloo's 11-3 half-time lead.

Moseley were always likely to collect the points they needed at Coventry, who were doomed long ago, and did so with a try by Bob Robinson and 17 points from the boot of Simon Hodgkinson, which left Fylde in trouble as they conceded an 8-3 half-time lead to Wakefield, Derek Falkingham, with a try, and Michael Jackson, with his 57th penalty goal of the campaign, sealing their fate.

With promotion already assured, it was left to Bedford and Blackheath to vie for the championship in the third division, and by beating Richmond, who lost their first eight matches but rallied in the second half of the season, by the odd point in 41 at Goldington Road, Bedford maintained their one-point advantage. Completing his record of scoring in each league match this season, Andy Finnie, the Bedford stand-off, converted tries by Whetstone, Cook and Harris.

Cardiff cannot rise to title celebration

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BY GERALD DAVIES

ONE man does not make a club, but one man can make a difference. Three years ago, Cardiff were in the doldrums and, languishing second from bottom of the first division, they might have ended up in the second division had not the rules precluded any changes that year.

Alex Evans, an Australian with blue chip credentials in his country, was appointed and, after finishing as runners-up the following year, it has been success of one kind or another for the club ever since. Last year, it was the cup. On Saturday, Cardiff clinched the Heineken League championship for the first time.

Yet it was not in the way they would have wished, losing the last game in front of their own supporters. It was a moment to celebrate and, then, it was not. It was much like Wales winning the five nations' championship trophy at Twickenham a season ago, when, during the course of the afternoon, England had put them to the sword.

The first sentence in the programme notes conveyed the mood at the Arms Park on Saturday. "Yes," it said. "It was a bit of a downer." This, however, referred to Cardiff's defeat by Swansea in the Swalec Cup semi-final the previous weekend, but it applied equally well to this match. Cardiff, already claiming the title, fell to their nearest and most traditional opponents, who, in contrast, have been struggling to avoid relegation.

Make no mistake, this was a fine and exciting game and as good as any played over the past eight months, but so much was taken away from the season's climax when Cardiff decided to choose only one of 11 players who will soon depart with Wales to the *World Cup. In effect, this was* their second XV. Their supporters, surely, have the right to expect better. To be sure, the success of the gruelling season belongs to the efforts of the whole squad, but, for a grand finale like this, it is the best 15 who should be there to receive the tributes.

Newport, with this performance, gave cause to wonder why on earth they should be in so lowly a position. They played a brand of rugby here that was full of movement and, in Martin Jones, they had a place-kicker who is a replica of Neil Jenkins, the Wales stand-off half. He kicked two penalty goals before Ford scored his nineteenth try of the season for the home side, one short of the Heineken League record. John's conversion gave Cardiff a lead that barely lasted three minutes, when Richard Rees scored a try from a counter-attack. Jones converted this and kicked another penalty goal to provide a half-time lead.

John kicked two more penalty goals to Jones's one before a resounding finale. With the home team staring at defeat, Budd scored a try and John converted. That seemed to be it, but Newport, with seconds to go, mounted one last assault and Rees sprinted over for his second and winning try.

SCORERS: Cardiff: Tries: Ford, Budd. Conversions: C John (2). Penalty goals: C John (2). Newport: Tries: R Rees (2). Conversion: M Jones. Penalty goals: M Jones (4).
CARDIFF: C John; S Ford, C Laity, G John, J Westwood; S Davies, A Booth; A Lewis, H Bevan, P Sedgemore, V Davies, J Wakeford, H Stone, M Budd, O Williams. Bevan replaced by J Humphreys (44min); G John replaced by M Hall (76).
NEWPORT: M Jones; R Jefferies, D Hughes, M Llewellyn, R Rees; D Rees, M Roderick; S Duggan, A Peacock, S Cronk, B Atkins, N Jones, K Moseley, A Carter, R Goodey. Hughes replaced by S Johnson (29); Goodey replaced by M Workman (62).
Referee: A Ware (Pontypridd).

Culhane chosen ahead of Bachop

BY DAVID HANDS

SIMON CULHANE, the uncapped stand-off half from unfashionable Southland, is the surprise inclusion in the New Zealand World Cup squad. Culhane has impressed since his selection for the first training camp and his goalkicking wins him a place ahead of Stephen Bachop and the mercurial Lee Stensness.

The first-choice stand-off will be Andrew Mehrtens, from Canterbury, who scored 28 points on his debut against Canada last month. Three of the squad, the captain, Sean Fitzpatrick, Zinzan Brooke and Richard Loe survive from the 1987 tournament.

Laurie Mains, the coach, has decided to do without the services of Michael Jones, the flanker whose religious convictions will not let him play on Sundays, but he has chosen seven forwards who could, at a pinch, play in the back row and will hope that Brooke recovers from a damaged knee in time to travel to South Africa.

The Australia squad is due to be named tomorrow, on the heels of the 53-7 defeat of Argentina in Brisbane yesterday. It will be led by Michael Lynagh, who broke his own national points-scoring record with a haul of 28, including two tries.

NEW ZEALAND SQUAD: Backs: G Osborne, M Ellis, J Lomu, E Rush, J Wilson, F Bunce, A Ieremia, W Little, S Culhane, A Mehrtens, G Bachop, A Strachan. Forwards: O Brown, C Dowd, R Loe, S Fitzpatrick (captain), N Hewitt, R Brooke, I Jones, B Larsen, M Brewer, Z Brooke, P Henderson, J Joseph, J Kronfeld, K Schuler.

CANADA SQUAD: Backs: S Stewart, D Lougheed, W Stanley, R Toews, S Gray, S Lytton, C Stewart, G Rees (captain), B Ross, J Graf, A Tynan. Forwards: R Bice, E Evans, P LeBlanc, R Snow, M Cardinal, K Svoboda, G Ennis, I Gordon, M James, G Rowlands, A Charron, J Hutchinson, G MacKinnon, C McKenzie, C Michaluk.

Northampton sink in buoyant mood

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BY PETER BILLS

OLD Northampton soldiers, like Bob Taylor and David Powell, who are steeped in the club's history, bore a stoical expression at the end of this match. The smiles of the young Northampton players, who broke a dire stalemate to establish an 18-0 lead in the second half, quickly fractured as news emerged of Harlequins' victory at Gloucester.

That win rendered Northampton's success an irrelevance and they tumbled through the trapdoor into the second division, their distinguished five-year tenure in the first at an end. It seems bizarre that they are compiling a squad that looks capable of challenging for the league title.

The enforced ban on England players cruelly denied Northampton at vital moments in the final weeks of the season. Yet a single point defeat at Gloucester in mid-April, when two tries were dubiously disallowed, is perhaps to blame for their relegation. Had they won that game, they probably would have survived.

Taylor had firm views on it all. The ex-England back-row foward and one of the driving forces behind the Northampton revolution emerged from the dressing-room to insist: "No, we are certainly not the worst team in the first division. If we had been it would be a cause for even greater concern. What sunk us was our start to the season of five successive defeats."

Powell doubted relegation would be as cataclysmic for Northampton as it might have been for Harlequins. "We are a small-town club, unlike Quins, and sponsorship has already been pledged. Now we must ensure the stay in the second division is only for one year and we return better and stronger."

Without seven leading players on Saturday, Northampton have been assured by Jonathan Bell, the Ireland international, plus the Scots, Gregor Townsend and Michael Dods, that they will be joining the club despite relegation.

The match came to life only in the final 14 minutes, when 30 points were scored. Seely and Allen who, together with Pountney, look to have distinguished futures, scored tries and kicking did the rest. West suddenly came to life and scored 12 points in two minutes.

SCORERS: West Hartlepool: Tries: Cook, O Evans. Conversion: Stimpson. Northampton: Tries: Seely, Allen. Conversion: Grayson. Penalty goals: Grayson (2). Dropped goal: Hepher.
WEST HARTLEPOOL: T Stimpson; O Evans, A Elwine, P Hodder, S Jones; K Whitaker, S Cook; P Lancaster, T Herbert, P Beal, J Whitaker, J Dixon, K Westgarth, A Brown, P Evans.
NORTHAMPTON: P Grayson; C Moir, R MacNaughton, M Allen, H Thorneycroft; A Hepher, D Elkington; M Volland, A Clarke, G Pearce, S Foale, J Phillips, G Webster, A Pountney, G Seely.
Referee: S Lander (Liverpool).

Atherton gets chance to prove himself again

Illingworth: clear message

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

THE weeks of verbal sparring have not sat comfortably with Raymond Illingworth and, yesterday, he came off the ropes. In retaining Michael Atherton as England captain, the chairman of selectors made it forcefully clear that his term is probationary and that, in future, he must show more deference to those in authority — or, decoded, to Illingworth himself.

Atherton keeps the job at least until mid-July, having been reappointed for the one-day series against West Indies and the first three Tests. But the prevarication surrounding the decision has been neither imagined nor exaggerated. Indeed, if an alternative Illingworth considered to be suitable had been available, Atherton might even have been dismissed.

As director of all national affairs, in his new dual role as chairman and manager, Illingworth's power is almost limitless and he does not care for it being questioned. The umbrage he took at Atherton's winter comments regarding selection knew no bounds. In his view, it seems, it was far more of a sackable offence than losing an Ashes series.

"There were things we had to clear up: it's not a captain's job to go around criticising selectors," Illingworth said. "If he has got something to say, he should say it in committee." Fair comment, though he did add, slightly disingenuously: "When I was captain, I wouldn't have criticised Alec Bedser or Don Kenyon."

Those who recall Illingworth's trenchantly expressed views on authority, while England captain, might have smirked at that.

While Atherton concedes that his boss has a valid point — "I probably said a thing or two I shouldn't have done" — and confirms that Illingworth privately reprimanded him as soon as the tour of Australia ended, he might be justifiably aggrieved that the matter was not laid to rest then and his tenure extended as the formality it should have been.

By insisting that the captaincy needed serious discussion and a full interview of Atherton by the three selectors, Illingworth was issuing a public warning and a demonstration of his influence. Arguably, he was also humiliating a man who has survived a number of difficulties in the past year and scarcely deserved another, after a tour on which his personal reputation was enhanced despite defeat.

Atherton's primary emotion is relief that the waiting is over. "I am glad the speculation has come to an end," he said. "It's not been a decision in my own hands, but people like to know where they stand, and that goes for me, for the other players and the public."

He has no complaints about the short-term appointment. "It's how we tend to do things in England," he said. In fact, his main problem yesterday was not knowing what Illingworth had said of him.

Given the high profile of the game and the obvious potential of such an announcement, it was unfathomable that the Test and County Cricket Board decided there was no need for a formal press conference. Atherton was not even asked to attend and it was only while spending the morning of his free day in Leeds playing golf that he decided that it would be wise.

Illingworth had said his piece and was heading off to lunch when the captain arrived and Atherton's oft-changing demeanour as he fielded questions from a media gathering better armed than he was deserved some sympathy.

He bridled particularly at a suggestion that he did not transmit enjoyment on the field, twice stonily insisting: "I am always enthusiastic about my cricket."

Nobody should dispute that fact. The recuperative break since February, indeed, has been good for Atherton and he professes to be starting this season with renewed energy and vitality. But the point Illingworth made, in his absence, about the importance of a captain's body-language, was nevertheless pertinent.

There are times, as he admits, when Atherton's natural appearance on the field is unhelpfully hangdog. It is something that was also true of his predecessor, Graham Gooch, and Illingworth generalised by saying: "Body language is very important to a team. The captain has got to look bright and breezy."

The job of ensuring that England's players are properly motivated will be shared by chairman and captain, and Illingworth believes that there is work to be done. "I felt we were flat in Australia and I think Michael feels the same; whether we agree on the reasons is a different matter," he added enigmatically.

"I'll be doing my bit in this area, but we want a captain who will do the business on the field and Michael is in complete and utter charge there. I want there to be no doubt about that."

There would, of course, have been far fewer doubts about this but for Illingworth's approach to the reappointment, not to mention his career-long desire to be in charge of everything.

Illingworth speaks darkly of "demarcation lines", but equally he praises Atherton for honesty and straightforwardness. Atherton, for his part, may be more wary in his public pronouncements, but, as he says: "I don't think the chairman has asked me to stop expressing views to him."

So this combustible partnership has successfully cleared the first hurdle of the summer. Their ongoing relationship will be among the season's enduring fascinations.

Revitalised Surrey turn tables on Gloucestershire

By Pat Gibson

THE OVAL (final day of four): Surrey (21pts) beat Gloucestershire (8) by 93 runs

MORE teams have won after being forced to follow on at the Oval than on any other ground, but Surrey had never done it in the county championship until Joey Benjamin had Smith, Gloucestershire's last man, caught at the wicket with seven overs of this topsy-turvy match remaining yesterday. It was not a bad way to start their 150th anniversary season.

Eight times previously, sides had come from behind to win at Kennington, but Surrey had not managed it since they beat Cambridge University in 1868. It looked as though they might not make it this time, either, when Jack Russell, the Gloucestershire captain, was doing his dogged best to rectify the mistake he made when he invited Surrey to bat again on Friday afternoon.

A Surrey second-innings total of 475 later, Gloucestershire were set to score 301 to win in 86 overs, a target well within their range if they could have batted as they did in their first innings, but out of the question once they had collapsed to 44 for five in their second.

There had been no dramatic change in the batting conditions, but Surrey's bowling was considerably better than it had been on the first day, and Gloucestershire's batting — Symonds, the new Anglo-Australian sensation, included — considerably worse.

Kenlock, the left-arm seamer playing in only his second championship match, played his part by having Hodgson caught behind and bowling Wright, but it was Benjamin who undermined Gloucestershire with a sharp reminder of the whole-hearted fast-medium bowling that won him selection for England's winter tour.

He began by uprooting Lynch's off stump, much to the delight of his team-mates who were only too pleased to see the back of their former colleague. Two balls later he claimed Dawson leg-before, and then showed that Symonds may still have a bit to learn by tucking him up with a shortish ball which had him very well caught by Shahid at short leg off the face of the bat.

Alleyne was batting well, however, and with Russell joining him in a stand of 69 in 20 overs, Surrey were beginning to fret. Spin, so often undervalued at the Oval, came to their rescue in the form of Nowell, the left-arm bowler making his championship debut, and Shahid, the leg spinner recently recruited from Essex. Shahid bowled Alleyne behnd his legs with his second ball, Nowell had Russell stumped after 164 minutes' resistance, and though Smith held them up for more than nine overs in company with the defiant Ball, Benjamin completed the job.

Surrey owed their victory chance to Alistair Brown, whose thrilling talent must be recognised by England before too long. They say he cannot "stop" the ball, but he must have stopped a few as well as rapidly changing the direction of a good many more in his three seasons of county cricket, which have already brought him more than 3,000 runs, nine centuries and an average of nearly 47.

Brown was on 167 when Surrey resumed yesterday, 256 runs ahead with three wickets left, and he soon overtook his previous highest score of 175. He had reached 187 when he was caught at slip off Smith, having batted for 375 minutes and faced 297 balls. It was slow going by his standards, but it reflected his growing maturity, and he still wasted few opportunities to demonstrate his strokeplaying ability by hitting four sixes and 17 fours. Surrey had an anxious wait when he was sent to hospital after coughing blood in the dressing-room, the legacy of a blow in the chest while facing the Indian fast bowler, Srinath, but he returned to report no serious damage.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Benjamin, Surrey's match-winner, has Dawson trapped leg-before at the Oval yesterday

Champions open the season in dominating style

By Michael Henderson

EDGBASTON (final day of four): Warwickshire (22pts) beat Middlesex (5) by 215 runs

FIRST there was a softening up; then there was a rout. After three days when they exerted a measure of control, if not dominance, Warwickshire brushed Middlesex aside with the air of men eager to be doing something else. It was the most convincing way that the champions could start the season, and it will be noted by all who would challenge them.

Middlesex submitted feebly, it must be said. Resuming on 60 for one, needing another 293 to win, they were unlikely to get them unless Gatting and Ramprakash avoided the hazards of the first hour. Ramprakash, run out by Twose's direct hit from mid-on, did not survive the first over. By the time that Gatting played on to Small, six overs later, half the side had gone for 68.

Until Munton is ready to resume his place, Warwickshire are a pace bowler light, although Donald, in his present mood, really counts for two. Munton took 81 wickets in the championship last year at 21 and renders what Jim Laker used to call "yeoman service". To win without him, and to have men like Welch and Brown champing at the bit to get in the side, is all to the good as Phil Neale surveys the terrain as the club's new coach.

In this match, there were contributions from all parts of the team. Knight has clearly settled down quickly, holding good slip catches off Donald as well as making 157 runs. Penney compensated for a first-innings duck by scoring 88 on Saturday, helping to carry the game beyond Middlesex's reach.

Reeve alone failed to do much on the team's behalf but, with all his bending, stretching and grinning, is is hard to call him the invisible man.

The morning belonged to Small, who had taken Pooley's wicket on the third evening. He added Carr and Gatting to his list in no time. Between their departures, Donald, preferring the pavilion end, caught Weekes off his own bowling. One would have to say that the batting was not particularly distinguished in conditions that were far from hostile.

So long as Gatting was there, Warwickshire would have to work a bit harder for victory. An inside edge into his stumps, as he shaped to play the ball through the offside, brought about his dismissal and the game was over by the second over of the afternoon.

Donald was less slippery yesterday, though Nash may not agree. Missed by Davis at slip, when Burns dived across the fielder to confuse him, Nash ducked into the next ball, a shorter one, and had to leave the field with a sore head, reappearing at the fall of Brown's wicket. He had made another 20 runs, and driven Smith for a straight six, when he offered Ostler, the silly point, a catch that he held after a spot of juggling.

That was the first of three wickets for Smith as the last four went either side of lunch for ten runs. There was a humorous touch towards the end as Donald set three slips and three gullies for Emburey's favourite slash. The batsman still managed to nudge the ball between occupied territory and beat Small at third man.

Donald had his man in the end as Knight accepted the last of several fine slip catches in this match. All that was left was Tufnell, and he is not a man to detain people from the bar. Smith lured him yards from his crease and Burns effected a simple stumping.

THE TIMES/DILLONS CRICKET FORUM

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IS THERE any hope for English cricket? Are the doom-mongers right to say that England will never be a force in the world until they completely reform their present structure? Join Michael Atherton and Graham Gooch (pictured left), Richie Benaud and Micky Stewart — four men who know more about modern English cricket than most — for what promises to be a lively evening of discussion and debate in this *Times*/Dillons forum on Wednesday, May 17.

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Essex founder despite Gooch's resistance

By Ivo Tennant

CHELMSFORD (final day of four): Leicestershire (21pts) beat Essex (8) by 102 runs

TRY as he might, and that was for more than four hours, Graham Gooch could not defeat Leicestershire on his own yesterday. Another eight runs and he would have made his second century of a match that Essex had looked like winning for the first two days and ultimately lost all too feebly. They were not able even to countenance making 282 to win.

In his 42nd year, Gooch still has wondrous concentration. It is not often that the scoreboard shows more overs bowled than runs against his name, but that was the case for much of his innings now. Between lunch and tea he made just 36, not least because he could not count on any other batsman partnering him for long.

Millns, Mullally, Wells, Parsons and Cronje maintained a markedly disciplined line and length, doing just enough with the ball to beat the bat — even Gooch's — throughout the innings. The fielding and catching, notably that of Smith, the substitute, was of a high order. The captaincy was attritional. This is a Leicestershire side that will be as hard to beat as it was last year.

It was a victory, too, achieved without a proper wicketkeeper. Already without Nixon for the first three weeks of the season, Leicestershire now have Whitticase incapacitated as well. Four lights were on when he was hit in the teeth by Williams on Saturday, an injury which necessitated having 25 injections and seven teeth removed yesterday.

Jack Birkenshaw, the county's manager/coach, was so irked by the decision of the umpires not to take the players off before then that he said he would write to the Test and County Cricket Board about the regulation that, if at all possible, play should continue in inferior light.

Both David Constant and Ray Julian played with Birkenshaw for Leicestershire in the Sixties and would not have escaped his wrath. "If that had been a Test match, the players would have been off the field," he said. Whitticase is brave enough and keen enough to want to play against the Minor Counties in the Benson and Hedges Cup tomorrow, but if he cannot, it is conceivable Leicestershire will ask Neil Burns, once of Essex and more recently of Somerset, to play for them.

Robinson kept wicket yesterday, holding one straightforward catch to account for Lewis. There was some spineless batting hereabouts: Prichard was beaten by a good one Millns cut back, but the way the middle order collapsed emphasised how much Essex were missing Waugh — and, for that matter, Stephenson and Knight. Waugh does not arrive until May 16.

Essex tend to regard defeat at Chelmsford as a seismic upheaval. Darren Robinson, Irani and Ilott, all caught in the covers, and Rollins, bowled shouldering arms, will not wish to dwell on their dismissals. Such did at least stoutly defend one end, making just six of a ninth wicket partnership of 62 with Gooch, who was finally bowled by Mullally looking to keep the strike. He did at least reach 41,000 first-class runs during this splendid innings.

Ward lacking support as Kent subside

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE have never won the county championship but they may well take it as an augury that they had never won at Canterbury, until yesterday, when they needed only 68 minutes to complete a nine-wicket victory over Kent.

In what seems likely to be Allan Lamb's last season as captain, Northamptonshire, unlikely to be troubled by Test match calls, seem well equipped to mount a strong challenge, although a lot may depend on the form of the Indian leg spinner, Anil Kumble.

Kent, starting the day at 192 for seven, needing 11 more runs to avoid an innings defeat, lost Min Patel to the fifth ball of Paul Taylor's third over. Four runs later, Dean Headley was adjudged leg-before to the former England left-arm seamer who completed figures of five for 49 by dismissing Martin McCague with the aid of Lamb's second catch of the morning.

Trevor Ward, who scored 114, carried his bat for the first time in his career. Northamptonshire lost Alan Fordham, caught behind off Patel, before Robert Bailey made the winning hit.

The most comprehensive victory in the opening round of championship games was gained by Derbyshire, whose win over Sussex by an innings and 379 runs on Saturday was the biggest in their history. Phil DeFreitas took six for 35, his best figures for his third county, as Sussex were bowled out for 113 in their second innings.

Hampshire collapsed after the dismissal of Robin Smith for 77 and were beaten by 26 runs by Durham, whose impressive left-arm seamer, Simon Brown, took five wickets.

Glamorgan canter after Somerset's brave effort

By Jack Bailey

TAUNTON (final day of four): Glamorgan (24pts) beat Somerset (6) by eight wickets

SOMERSET, needing 123 to make Glamorgan bat again, nearly overcame a dreadful start to the day in which they lost five wickets for 59 on a juicy pitch, with the high arm, lift and late movement of Steve Watkin responsible for four of them. That they came close to batting out the day was due to two fine innings, in contrasting styles, by Peter Bowler and Graham Rose. Their partnership of 129 from 47 overs was at the heart of the resistance which carried Somerset to within 65 minutes of salvation.

That was not close enough to prevent Glamorgan from knocking off the 87 runs they needed with nearly nine of their 22 overs left. The wicket had long since dried out and, as Glamorgan had discovered as they toiled away in mid-afternoon, the ball came more easily on to the bat and off it as the day wore on.

Although he found life more difficult as time went by, Watkin stuck to his task admirably. Always able to extract more life from the pitch than anyone else, he bowled line and length even when Bowler and Rose were in full flow. His 7-49 deserved to be a match-winning performance and his 10 wickets in the match spoke volumes for the old-fashioned virtues.

Talk of an early departure for home was commonplace as Watkin plied his honest tade before lunch. Only Bowler with his sound defensive qualities had an answer to Watkin whom he met with the full face of the bat while plundering what was offered from the other end.

Meanwhile, Watkin's first spell of 4-25 from nine overs brought him the wickets of Lathwell, bowled by a beauty; Trescothick, who now tends to play from outside to in, caught from a leading edge to cover; Harden, victim of a wicked lifter; and Hayhurst, caught behind down the leg side.

The only morning blot on Bowler's escutcheon came when he sent back Turner in mid pitch. The resultant runout was the last easy picking for Glamorgan. They were made to work hard as Bowler resisted and Rose drove handsomely on either side of the wicket. Bowler was missed by Metson, of all people, off Watkin when he had made 44 and Glamorgan were crying out for a breakthrough.

Metson must have heaved a sigh of relief when he clung to a chance offered by Rose.

Rose's contribution of 84 to Somerset's 188-6 contained 16 fours. He more than anyone had threatened to carry the game beyond Glamorgan's reach. But with him gone, the gate was open. David Hemp rewarded his captain's faith by taking his first first-class wicket, Watkin mopped up and Bowler, after four and a half hours of solid endeavour, was left stranded on 84 as in trying to keep the strike he called Van Troost for an unlikely run.

Somerset's lead of 86 was soon proved inadequate by Stephen James, who coolly helped himself to an undefeated 47 — a telling contribution from someone unable to command a regular first-team place — and by Hemp, who struck Mushtaq for four and a long six in the same over and, more importantly, prevented the little man from settling.

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Questionable decision against Boon jolts Australians

West Indies bounce back with early wickets

FROM SIMON WILDE IN KINGSTON, JAMAICA

ANYONE concerned that West Indies and Australia might not produce a deciding encounter worthy of, what amounts to, a world championship of cricket, need not have worried. This series has long since taken on a life of its own, each twist seemingly as inevitable as every turn, so the dramatic fightback by the West Indies on the second day of the fourth and final Test match yesterday could scarcely be described as a surprise.

After their failure to make the most of a pitch of true, if lively, bounce on Saturday when they were dismissed for only 265, the West Indians came out with guns blazing. They had no choice. The match is unlikely to be a draw and if they are to preserve their unbeaten record that encompasses 15 years and 29 series, they had to strike.

WEST INDIES: First Innings

S C Williams c Blewett b Reiffel	0
*R B Richardson lbw b Reiffel	100
B C Lara c Healy b Warne	65
J R Adams c Slater b Julian	20
C L Hooper c M Waugh b Julian	23
K L T Arthurton c Healy b McGrath	16
†C O Browne c Boon b Warne	1
W K M Benjamin lbw S Waugh	7
C E L Ambrose not out	6
C A Walsh c Boon b S Waugh	2
K C G Benjamin c Healy b Reiffel	5
Extras (b 1, lb 9, w 1, nb 9)	20
Total	265

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-103, 3-131, 4-188, 5-220, 6-243, 7-250, 8-251, 9-254.

BOWLING: Reiffel 13.4-2-48-3; Julian 12-3-31-2; McGrath 20-4-79-1; Warne 25-6-72-2; S R Waugh 11-5-14-2; M E Waugh 4-1-11-0.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

*M A Taylor c Adams b Walsh	8
M J Slater c Lara b Walsh	27
D C Boon c Browne b Ambrose	17
M E Waugh not out	21
S R Waugh not out	4
Extras (lb 4, nb 9, w 1)	14
Total (3 wkts)	91

G S Blewett, †I A Healy, P R Reiffel, B P Julian, S K Warne and G D McGrath to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-50, 3-73.

BOWLING: Ambrose 8-1-22-1 (nb2); Walsh 8-1-32-2 (nb1, w1); K C G Benjamin 7-0-33-0 (nb6); W K M Benjamin 1-1-0-0.

Umpires: S Bucknor (Jamaica) and K Liebenberg (South Africa).

They waited only 20 minutes. Taylor and Slater had already negotiated numerous bouncers and several blows to the body when a rare pitched-up delivery from Walsh was turned by Taylor into the hands of Adams at short leg.

This brilliant, instinctive catch raised the spirits of the West Indians but their second wicket appeared to owe something to good fortune. Boon being adjudged caught behind by Mr Bucknor, the umpire, when replays seemed to show the ball clipping the batsman's helmet rather than his gloves as he attempted to hook Ambrose.

Boon loitered in the crease and glanced at the square leg umpire before departing. His dismissal gave Courtney Browne, playing in place of the unwell Murray, his first catch in Test cricket.

Slater, the third victim of the morning, was most culpable, hooking into the hands of the diving Lara, one of two men positioned for the shot. It provided Walsh, the local hero, with his second wicket of the innings and his 52nd in nine Tests since November. Within half an hour of resuming after lunch, Australia were 123 for three.

West Indies would be in an even more perilous position but for Richie Richardson, who could not have chosen a more dramatic time to make his first Test hundred for over two years than on Saturday. For several reasons he might have failed: the quality of the opposition, the state of the match the state of the series, his own indifferent form, and pressures of leading the West Indies side — but his pride simply would not let him.

The Sabina Park crowd has given Richardson a rough ride in recent years, not least because he stands between Walsh and the captaincy, and it took them a while to warm to his presence. By lunch, which was taken with West Indies an improbable 113 for two after 25 overs, he had made just 34, by tea he was only 68, but when he finally reached his hundred — after five and a quarter hours — there was not a spectator in the ground who did not acknowledge what the Antiguan was doing for their team's cause. It was the first century for either side in the series.

Having won the toss, Richardson was sensitive to the need to build a commanding total and he took almost no risks. The only period in which he indulged himself at all was after tea when McGrath, riled at being swatted to the boundary, tried to bounce him out but Richardson took what was on offer and Taylor was soon compelled to withdraw his fast bowler.

If only Richardson's colleagues had shared his restraint, West Indies might have passed 300 for the first time in the series. But their batting has a barely credible brittleness about it and Adams, Hooper and Arthurton all chose the wrong balls to attack. Even Lara seemed unable to control his delight at finding a pitch on which he could show off his strokes and for 100 minutes he had his side gallavanting along at four runs an over.

But the damage was not all self-inflicted. After Warne removed Lara for 65, made out of a partnership of 103 with his captain, Australia tightened their grip. Julian and Steve Waugh continued their knack of taking vital wickets. Warne found enough turn to suggest he might yet have a decisive say in the match, and the Australia outcricket was, as usual, electric.

From 188 for three, seven wickets fell for 77, the last four in 46 balls to the second new ball. These included Richardson, who had not scored since reaching his century.

Lara strikes out firmly as Taylor, the Australia captain, fields. Photograph: Gill Allen

Britannic Assurance county championship

Derbyshire v Sussex

DERBY (third day of four): Derbyshire (24pts) beat Sussex (1) by an innings and 379 runs

SUSSEX: First Innings 111 (D E Malcolm 6 for 61)

Second Innings

N J Lenham lbw b DeFreitas	27
C W J Athey c sub b Malcolm	0
J W Hall lbw b DeFreitas	9
*A P Wells not out	46
K Greenfield lbw b Cork	5
I D K Salisbury lbw b DeFreitas	8
†P Moores b Malcolm	1
F D Stephenson b DeFreitas	10
C C Remy b DeFreitas	1
P W Jarvis b Malcolm	0
E S H Giddins lbw b DeFreitas	1
Extras (b 1, lb 2, nb 2)	5
Total	113

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-26, 3-55, 4-66, 5-89, 6-94, 7-107, 8-111, 9-112.

BOWLING: Malcolm 16-0-56-3; Cork 7-2-19-1; DeFreitas 18-6-35-6.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 603 for 6 dec (K J Barnett 164, D J Cullinan 134, C J Adams 111, D G Cork 84 not out, A S Rollins 52)

Umpires. P Willey and K E Palmer.

Durham v Hampshire

STOCKTON (third day of four): Durham (36pts) beat Hampshire (4) by 26 runs

DURHAM: First Innings 177 (J N B Bovill 6 for 39)

Second Innings 248 (M Prabhakar 84; J N B Bovill 6 for 29)

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 194

Second Innings

J P Stephenson lbw b Brown	0
V P Terry lbw b Brown	49
C A Connor c Daley b Betts	5
R S M Morris lbw b Wood	10
R A Smith c Scott b Brown	77
*M C J Nicholas c Scott b Brown	14
G W White not out	16
†A N Aymes b Prabhakar	3
S D Udal lbw b Prabhakar	4
H H Streak c Boiling b Wood	2
J N B Bovill lbw b Brown	7
Extras (lb 8, nb 10)	18
Total	205

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-13, 3-52, 4-147, 5-172, 6-175, 7-178, 8-182, 9-185

BOWLING: Brown 21.3-8-49-5; Betts 11-2-51-1; Prabhakar 22-8-50-2; Wood 9-2-31-2; Boiling 6-3-13-0; Saxelby 1-0-3-0.

Umpires: B Dudleston and A G T Whitehead.

Essex v Leicestershire

CHELMSFORD (final day of four): Leicestershire (21pts) beat Essex (6) by 102 runs

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 253 (N E Briers 114; N F Williams 5 for 93, M C Ilott 4 for 78)

Second Innings

T J Boon c Hussain b Williams	15
*N E Briers c Such b Ilott	95
W J Cronje c Such b Ilott	38
J J Whitaker b Cousins	48
†P E Robinson c Lewis b Such	5
V J Wells c Rollins b Such	31
G J Parsons b Cousins	26
P Whitticase not out	62
D J Millns c Rollins b Williams	70
A D Mullally c Williams b Cousins	13
A R K Pierson lbw b Williams	7
Extras (b 1, lb 11, nb 10)	22
Total	432

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-76, 3-182, 4-195, 5-231, 6-273, 7-275, 8-408, 9-423.

BOWLING: Ilott 28-5-104-2; Williams 25.2-3-93-3; Irani 15-4-60-0; Such 44-13-90-2; Cousins 29-3-73-3.

ESSEX: First Innings 404 (G A Gooch 139, N Hussain 100, P J Prichard 53)

Second Innings

G A Gooch b Mullally	92
*P J Prichard lbw b Millns	16
J J B Lewis c Robinson b Mullally	4
N Hussain lbw b Cronje	11
D D J Robinson c sub b Parsons	9
R C Irani c sub b Wells	11
†R J Rollins b Wells	0
M C Ilott c sub b Millns	10
N F Williams lbw b Millns	0
P M Such not out	6
D M Cousins b Mullally	0
Extras (b 13, lb 6, w 1)	20
Total	179

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-43, 3-61, 4-76, 5-102, 6-102, 7-117, 8-117, 9-179.

BOWLING: Mullally 13.4-2-33-3; Millns 15-3-47-3; Parsons 19-8-34-1; Cronje 12-3-20-1; Wells 9-0-26-2.

Umpires: D J Constant and R Julian.

Kent v Northamptonshire

CANTERBURY (final day of four): Northamptonshire (40pts) beat Kent (6) by nine wickets

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 561 for 8 dec (R R Montgomerie 192, D J Capel 167, A J Lamb 54)

Second Innings

R R Montgomerie not out	5
A Fordham c Marsh b Patel	1
R J Bailey not out	1
Total (1 wkt)	7

FALL OF WICKET: 1-4.

BOWLING: deSilva 3-0-4-0; Patel 2.3-1-3-1.

KENT: First Innings 352 (T R Ward 76, M V Fleming 61; D J Capel 4 for 50)

Second Innings

T R Ward not out	114
*M R Benson c Lamb b Taylor	13
M J Walker c and b Kumble	13
P A deSilva lbw b Capel	13
N R Taylor c Ripley b Capel	6
M V Fleming c Fordham b Taylor	5
M A Ealham lbw b Kumble	3
†S A Marsh lbw b Hughes	23
M M Patel c Lamb b Taylor	2
D W Headley lbw b Taylor	0
M J McCague c Lamb b Taylor	7
Extras (b 4, lb 11, w 1)	16
Total	215

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-66, 3-117, 4-125, 5-137, 6-140, 7-191, 8-197, 9-201.

BOWLING: Taylor 21.2-7-49-5; Hughes 9-1-31-1; Curran 11-3-30-0; Kumble 27-4-60-2; Capel 5-0-30-2.

Umpires: V A Holder and B Leadbeater.

Somerset v Glamorgan

TAUNTON (final day of four): Glamorgan (24pts) beat Somerset (6pts) by eight wickets

SOMERSET: First Innings 277 (R J Harden 113)

Second Innings

M N Lathwell b Watkin	6
M E Trescothick c Dale b Watkin	16
P D Bowler not out	84
R J Harden c Metson b Watkin	8
*A N Hayhurst c Metson b Watkin	2
†R J Turner run out	1
G D Rose c Metson b Watkin	84
Mushtaq Ahmed c Maynard b Hemp	0
A R Caddick c Thomas b Watkin	7
H R J Trump c Kendrick b Watkin	0
A P van Troost run out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 1, nb 4)	6
Total	214

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-25, 3-50, 4-54, 5-59, 6-188, 7-189, 8-206, 9-210.

BOWLING: Watkin 24.2-9-49-7; Croft 14-3-36-0; Thomas 13-0-51-0; Lefebvre 16-5-34-0; Kendrick 10-4-21-0; Dale 4-2-12-0; Hemp 3-0-8-1.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 405 (A Dale 60, M P Maynard 62, R D B Croft 143)

Second Innings

S P James not out	47
A Dale c Turner b Caddick	6
D L Hemp b van Troost	17
*M P Maynard not out	11
Extras (lb 1, nb 7)	8
Total (2 wkts)	89

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-63.

BOWLING: Caddick 4-0-17-1; Mushtaq Ahmed 6.2-1-47-0; van Troost 3-0-24-1.

Umpires: T E Jesty and R A White.

Surrey v Gloucestershire

THE OVAL (final day of four): Surrey (21pts) beat Gloucestershire (8pts) by 93 runs

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 392 (A Symonds 161 not out, R I Dawson 51; J E Benjamin 4 for 77)

Second Innings

A J Wright b Kenlock	27
G D Hodgson c Kersey b Kenlock	1
M A Lynch b Benjamin	4
R I Dawson lbw b Benjamin	0
M W Alleyne b Nadeem Shahid	60
A Symonds c Nadeem Shahid b Benjamin	1
*†R C Russell st Kersey b Nowell	56
J Srinath c Butcher b Nadeem Shahid	7
M C J Ball not out	37
K E Cooper c D J Bicknell b Nowell	0
A M Smith c Kersey b Benjamin	2
Extras (b 2, lb 1, w 1, nb 8)	12
Total (10 wkts)	207

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-21, 3-21, 4-43, 5-44, 6-107, 7-117, 8-186, 9-186.

BOWLING: Benjamin 24-8-68-4; Kenlock 19-2-71-2; Nowell 20-11-24-2; Hollioake 9-2-11-0; Nadeem Shahid 7-0-30-2.

SURREY: First Innings 217 (M A Butcher 71)

Second Innings

D J Bicknell lbw b Smith	45
M A Butcher c Russell b Srinath	51
*A J Stewart c Cooper b Ball	65
A D Brown c Lynch b Smith	187
A J Hollioake c Lynch b Smith	32
Nadeem Shahid lbw b Ball	11
†G J Kersey c Russell b Srinath	13
M P Bicknell lbw b Srinath	17
R W Nowell run out	13
S G Kenlock not out	9
J E Benjamin c Alleyne b Srinath	2
Extras (b 1, lb 9, w 2, nb 18)	30
Total	475

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-96, 2-124, 3-223, 4-292, 5-339, 6-374, 7-414, 8-464, 9-464.

BOWLING: Smith 31-6-90-3; Cooper 24-4-65-0; Alleyne 13-2-42-0; Ball 42-6-128-2; Lynch 2-0-3-0; Srinath 33.3-4-137-4.

Umpires: B J Meyer and J C Balderstone.

Warwickshire v Middlesex

EDGBASTON (final day of four): Warwickshire (38pts) beat Middlesex (5) by 215 runs

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 282 (N V Knight 85, R G Twose 66, D P Ostler 57; P C R Tufnell 4 for 55, J E Emburey 4 for 31)

Second Innings 294 (T L Penney 86, N V Knight 72)

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 224 (M R Ramprakash 85; A A Donald 6 for 56)

Second Innings

*M W Gatting b Small	25
J C Pooley c Reeve b Small	19
M R Ramprakash run out	10
J D Carr b Small	1
P N Weekes c and b Donald	1
†K R Brown lbw b Davis	13
D J Nash c Ostler b Smith	22
J E Emburey c Knight b Donald	23
A R C Fraser c Burns b Smith	0
D Follett not out	4
P C R Tufnell st Burns b Smith	6
Extras (b 2, lb 4, w 1, nb 6)	13
Total	137

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-60, 3-61, 4-66, 5-68, 6-82, 7-127, 8-127, 9-129.

BOWLING: Donald 17-3-48-2; Small 12-4-25-3; Smith 15-3-44-3; Reeve 2-1-4-0; Davis 7-3-10-1.

Umpires: G I Burgess and J H Hampshire.

University matches

Cambridge University v Nottinghamshire

FENNER'S (final day of three): Cambridge University drew with Nottinghamshire

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 413 for 8 dec (C L Cairns 110, R T Robinson 101, P Johnson 73, K P Evans 53; A R Whittall 4 for 131)

Second Innings

M P Dowman retired not out	102
C Banton not out	80
G W Mike not out	54
Extras (b 2, lb 5, nb 2)	9
Total (no wkt dec)	245

BOWLING: Janisch 17-0-64-0; Whittall 27-11-50-0; Carroll 5-1-29-0; Hughes 13-2-48-0; Freeth 10-1-23-0; Yeabsley 5-0-24-0.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings 91

Second Innings

D E Stanley c French b Cairns	2
J Ratledge lbw b Pick	65
J P Carroll c and b Hindson	13
R T Ragnauth lbw b Hindson	1
R A Battye lbw b Pick	22
M I Yeabsley lbw b Pick	0
*A R Whittall not out	61
†M J Birks not out	23
Extras (b 1, lb 10)	11
Total (6 wkts)	218

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-65, 3-69, 4-101, 5-103, 6-108.

BOWLING: Cairns 4-1-6-1; Pick 11-4-38-3; Evans 18-3-59-0; Afford 19-7-47-0; Hindson 18-5-44-2; Banton 5-0-25-0.

Umpires: K J Lyons and P B Wight.

Oxford University v Worcestershire

THE PARKS (final day of three). Oxford University drew with Worcestershire

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 320 for 7 dec (W P C Weston 100, T S Curtis 81)

Second Innings

D A Leatherdale c Jarrett b Ricketts	92
G R Haynes b Ricketts	55
M J Church not out	29
J E Brinkley not out	5
Extras (b 2, lb 3)	5
Total (2 wkts dec)	186

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-138, 2-175.

BOWLING: MacRobert 16-0-56-0; Mather 3-1-13-0; Attfield 9-1-35-0; Ricketts 9-0-38-2; Malik 5-0-39-0.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings 226 (C M Gupte 60, A C Ridley 50; P J Newport 4 for 51)

Second Innings

*G I MacMillan c Rhodes b Newport	0
I J Sutcliffe lbw b Brinkley	57
C M Gupte c Lampitt b Newport	0
A C Ridley lbw b Lampitt	22
W S Kendall c Rhodes b Illingworth	9
A S Malik c Rhodes b Lampitt	2
J M Attfield not out	15
†M E D Jarrett not out	1
Extras (lb 3, nb 14)	17
Total (6 wkts)	123

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-0, 3-73, 4-90, 5-95, 6-106

BOWLING. Newport 7-5-7-2; Brinkley 12-2-50-1; Haynes 8-4-15-0; Illingworth 18-8-21-1; Lampitt 8-0-24-2; Weston 2-2-0-0; Curtis 2-1-3-0.

Umpires: J W Holder and N T Plews.

Other Match

Yorkshire v Lancashire

HEADINGLEY (third day of four): Lancashire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, require 385 runs to beat Yorkshire.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 417 for 7 dec (D Byas 193, R J Blakey 77 not out, C White 72)

Second Innings

*M D Moxon c Atherton b Gallian	84
M P Vaughan lbw b Watkinson	0
M G Bevan b Yates	108
A P Grayson lbw b Gallian	1
D Byas b Keedy	26
C White c Gallian b Keedy	50
†R J Blakey not out	14
Extras (b 1, lb 4)	5
Total (6 wkts dec)	288

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-189, 3-198, 4-198, 5-251, 6-288.

BOWLING: Watkinson 17-3-50-1; Gallian 9-2-56-2; Yates 18-4-88-1; Keedy 21.1-1-89-2.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 271 (M A Atherton 129)

Second Innings

J E R Gallian c Blakey b Gough	36
M A Atherton b Gough	27
N J Speak not out	0
G D Lloyd c Stemp b Gough	0
Extras (b 1, lb 2, nb 4)	7
Total (3 wkts)	70

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-67, 2-70, 3-70.

BOWLING: Gough 9-6-4-3; Hartley 9-2-34-0; Robinson 5-2-6-0; Stemp 8-3-20-0; White 2-0-3-0.

Umpires: J H Harris and G Sharp

One-day match

Yorkshire v Lancashire

HEADINGLEY (Lancashire won toss): Yorkshire beat Lancashire by 91 runs

YORKSHIRE:

*D Byas c Gallian b Martin	17
M P Vaughan lbw b Yates	71
M G Bevan c Gallian b Wasim	22
A P Grayson not out	82
C White run out	16
†R J Blakey not out	2
Extras (lb 4, w 5, nb 2)	11
Total (4 wkts, 40 overs)	221

B Parker, G M Hamilton, R D Stemp, S M Milburn and M A Robinson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-63, 3-173, 4-211.

BOWLING: Austin 7-2-27-0; Martin 8-0-49-1; Watkinson 6-0-27-0; Wasim Akram 8-0-52-1; Yates 8-0-42-1; Gallian 3-0-20-0.

LANCASHIRE:

J E R Gallian c Byas b Robinson	7
N J Speak run out	19
J P Crawley c Stemp b Milburn	12
N H Fairbrother run out	9
G D Lloyd b White	1
*M Watkinson b White	0
Wasim Akram lbw b Stemp	16
I D Austin c Byas b Milburn	25
†W K Hegg b Milburn	5
P J Martin not out	18
G Yates b White	8
Extras (lb 6, w 4)	10
Total (27 overs)	130

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-40, 3-51, 4-51, 5-51, 6-61, 7-89, 8-102, 9-103.

BOWLING: Hamilton 6-0-35-0; Robinson 5-2-13-1; White 7-0-30-3; Milburn 5-0-32-3; Stemp 4-0-14-1.

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Slovakia complete 5-0 victory

Lloyd promises to halt Britain's Davis Cup decline

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN BRATISLAVA

EVEN before he had officially taken over as the captain of the Great Britain Davis Cup team, David Lloyd was prepared to offer a firm assurance. The sequence of six successive defeats, which has dragged the team down to an unprecedented and ignominious depth, will not continue.

When asked yesterday morning whether Britain could lose the next tie, at home to either Monaco or Egypt at Eastbourne in the middle of July, the usually loquacious Lloyd restricted his response to half a dozen words. "That won't happen," he snapped. "I guarantee it."

Lloyd is too shrewd an operator to make such a prediction without due consideration. He is also too wily to have taken on the post without being convinced that he has enough talent at his disposal to be a success. That the timing is propitious is no coincidence.

Firstly, the next venue is favourable. Because of the vagaries of a complicated drawing system, Britain will be competing on home soil for only the second time in four years. Secondly, his list of contenders is probably about to be notably strengthened by a player changing his allegiance.

It is believed that Greg Rusedski, the man with the fastest recorded service in history, will soon end the lengthy speculation about which country he is to represent in the competition. As a youth, he played for Canada, where he was born 21 years ago to an English mother.

As a senior, he is free to play for Britain in the Davis Cup. As long as he officially confirms his intentions to the Lawn Tennis Association in time, he could be allowed by the International Tennis Federation to enter the Wimbledon championships as a domestic competitor.

Lloyd awaits developments, but will not hesitate to make his first change. He is to invite Greg Isaacs, a South African based in California, to act as the trainer of a squad of eight or nine players that he will assemble a month before Wimbledon.

Isaacs will strengthen physical weaknesses. Of the players involved in the 5-0 defeat by Slovakia, Tim Henman needs a more powerful upper body, Miles Maclagan requires greater flexibility and Neil Broad must shed at least half a stone from a frame that befits his surname.

RESULTS

Slovaks names first

J Kroslak bt T Henman 7-5, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4
K Kucera bt M Maclagan 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5
Kroslak and Kucera bt N Broad and Henman 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2
Kucera bt Henman 6-4, 6-2
Kroslak bt Maclagan 7-5, 6-2

Lloyd's duty, as he sees it, is *to instil* "a nasty streak". "So much of this game depends on who is stronger up here," he said, pointing to his forehead. Over three days here, Bill Knight's team lacked the decisive element of mental fortitude.

They were not short of courage or spirit. Indeed, they fought rearguard actions while the tie was still alive, but, having reduced deficits, they were unable on each occasion to sustain the momentum. Henman, after winning the third set in the opening singles against Jan Kroslak, was broken at the start of the fourth.

Maclagan, during a performance that indicated that he will soon earn the right to be considered Britain's prime clay-court exponent, followed the same pattern in the second rubber. Later in the fourth set, he broke twice to level at 5-5, but then lost his own service and subsequently the match.

In the doubles on Saturday, Henman and Broad took six successive games to win the fourth set and level the match. They were immediately broken and, within 25 minutes, the tie was over. In the meaningless affairs yesterday, Henman submitted to Karol Kucera 6-4, 6-2 and Maclagan went down to Kroslak 7-5, 6-2.

With only four sets to show for their valiant efforts, the defeat on the alien surface was predictable. Slovakia would, as Knight lamented, "beat most nations at home".

The damage was done in Manchester last July when Britain succumbed, woefully, 3-2 to Romania. "I would have been cheesed off if we'd dropped even a set against them," Lloyd said.

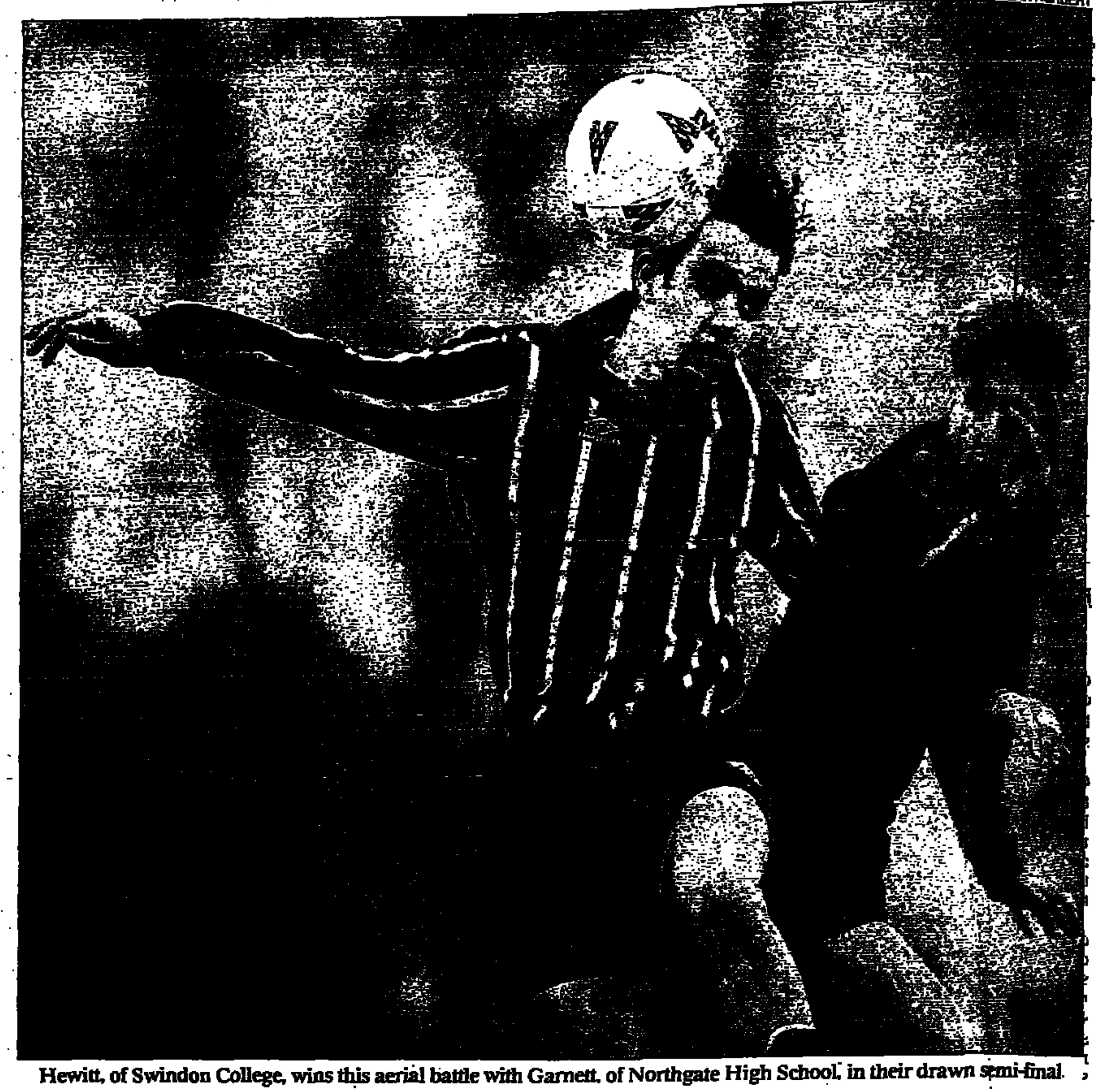
The last time Britain lost six ties in succession was two decades ago. Lloyd, himself, was then a member of the team and he is determined that a new record will not be set in the play-off to avoid being relegated to group three of the Euro-African zone.

"My yardstick is not just to win," he declared, "but to win easily, without dropping a set."

☐ Rusedski, the No 8 seed, won the South Korean Open title in Seoul yesterday when Lars Rehmann, his German opponent, was forced to retire through injury. Rusedski's powerful service proved too good for the unseeded Rehmann as he took the first set 6-4. Rusedski was leading 3-1 in the second set when Rehmann pulled up, complaining of an ankle injury.

Preston put penalty expertise to good use in semi-final

BY JOHN GOODBODY AND LOUISE TAYLOR


JULIAN HERBERT

Hewitt, of Swindon College, wins this aerial battle with Garnett, of Northgate High School, in their drawn semi-final.

OF ALL school sports competitions in Great Britain, probably none generates such widespread interest and tension as the Snickers' under-19 football tournament. It is an event that this season attracted an entry of more than 2,500 schools and the tautness of the semi-finals last week reflected the unyielding commitment of boys focused on winning the trophy against rivals of such solid ability.

Northgate High School, from Ipswich, and Swindon College must replay their tie in Suffolk tomorrow after the first match ended 3-3 after extra time in an atmosphere verging on pandemonium. Boys were repeatedly collapsing with cramp as the 110 minutes of play wore on, with neither team prepared to lessen the relentless pace.

In the other semi-final, at Blackpool, Preston won the replayed game against Winstanley College, Wigan, only on penalties. The two teams were level at 3-3 after extra time. The score after the shoot-out was 4-2. Strictly speaking, they should have had a second replay, but the schools agreed, with A levels a month away and the final still to be held, to resort to penalties.

The winners of the Northgate and Swindon tie will host the final of this English Schools Football Association competition. No school from Suffolk or Wiltshire has won this trophy.

The competition is initially held on a county basis, with the winners going through to the national competition. Northgate took the Suffolk Cup this season by defeating West Suffolk College 2-1 and subsequently have tried their own stamina and nerves with a series of single-goal victories, the last two of which came in replays.

Trevor Elmy, the coach, believes that the spirit of the team has been the outstanding feature. "They work for each other and never give up," he said. "They have no weak links."

Swindon were perhaps technically the more proficient and possessed elusive players in Justin Miller, with two goals last week, and James Hewitt, an English Schools' triallist and the scorer of their third goal.

However, Northgate refused to be beaten, just as they had in previous rounds. The school is a mixed comprehensive, with a complement of 1,600 and is best known for its contribution to the British theatre, with Trevor Nunn and Jane Lapotaire among its former pupils.

Both coaches have been trying frantically to persuade their players not to take part in matches, sometimes semi-professional, before the replay tomorrow. Paul Jack, the Swindon coach, said: "The players are drained. I have told them to relax and *not* to play football. Schoolboys simply play too many competitive games nowadays."

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How true. One boy had even been planning to play again in the evening after the afternoon's semi-final last week. Others were carrying injuries. One Northgate player, Kieron Cobb, seems certain to miss the game tomorrow. He was knocked unconscious in the first match of the previous round and missed the replay. However, he got Northgate's first goal last week before leaving the field with another head injury.

In Blackpool, where seagulls circled the old wooden stand, Preston, coaxed by the team manager, Geoff Snailham, played an adventurous passing game. Urging his players during the warm-up to work on the "one-touch stuff", Snailham watched as Preston showed they had several players whose balance and body-carriage were of a standard to enable them to glide past markers. Some are considering offers of sports scholarships from American universities.

Nobody was better than Stewart Drummond, already a semi-professional with Morecambe. Several league scouts watched as he scored two goals. He received support from Joe Alder, who contributed some promising touches down the right, and John Kennedy, a diminutive but dictatorial central midfield player. They will be the men to suppress in the final.

Winstanley were well-organised on the field, with an outstanding player in their captain, Steven Molyneux. They have the prospect of doing even better next year, since many of their side are first-year sixth-formers and will be available in 1995-96.

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EDUCATION

Starting today, a two-week guide for every parent to the new tests their children must take at 7, 11 and 14

How to pass the classroom tests

As youngsters prepare for their exams, **John O'Leary** describes a new study aid

This week is the start of the biggest examination season Britain has ever known. With the full range of national curriculum tests in operation for the first time, almost three million pupils will be assessed before the term is over.

To add to the annual trauma of GCSE and A levels come classroom tests at seven, 11 and 14. The full battery of assessments completes the cycle of reform started in 1988 and marks an eventual success for the Government after a two-year teachers' boycott.

The tests have been the centre of controversy during a decade of frequent changes of policy over the subjects to be included and treatment of the results. Ministers have settled for the core subjects of English, mathematics and science. For families all over England and Wales, the final piece of the jigsaw represents a new and unfamiliar challenge. Many are unsure what to make of the new tests at the end of primary schooling and their controversial counterparts in the crucial years before GCSE. Do they matter? And how should pupils prepare?

7 11 14 TESTPLAN

Over the next fortnight, Testplan will answer these and other questions in *The Times*. The daily series will provide a subject-by-subject guide, offering advice on revision and showing what to expect at 11 and 14. There will also be tips for GCSE and A-level students, who will be able to buy unique new audio tapes to help with English examinations.

The assessment of seven-year-olds has already begun in many primary schools. They have until the end of next month to carry out set tasks in reading, writing and mathematics, and some schools will be extending the process to cover science. Before the end of the month, tests will follow in reading, spelling and mathematics. But because seven-year-olds are not expected to prepare for their tests, the series will concentrate on the older age groups. Most infants' schools have been testing at seven — although often not complying with ministers' instructions to publish the results — for up to four years. The slimmed-down assessment regime now has an established place on the school calendar, cemented this year by the provision of funds to bring in extra staff for the duration of the tests.

Not so the older age groups. The tests will, for the first time, be a legal requirement for 11-year-olds. They will also be new to many secondary schools. Fewer than a quarter of schools carried out the English tests last year, in the face of the National Union of Teachers' boycott, and only a third did mathematics and science.

Now that the NUT has, in effect, called off its boycott, there should be a clear run for all the tests this year. Many teachers remain wary of national testing, but the latest version has been produced in consultation with the profession and has evolved greatly since the process began in 1991.

The tests to be taken this month are designed to pinpoint pupils' strengths and weaknesses at key moments in their school careers, as well as enabling parents to judge the performance of schools. For all age groups, the papers will look very different from anything parents have encountered in public examinations. They are intended to fit into normal classroom activity, while concentrating on key elements of the curriculum. Junior schools have been treating the tests particularly seriously, after a pilot last year exposed worrying flaws in some areas. Researchers have found that many have been using last year's materials for coaching sessions reminiscent of preparations for the 11-plus.

Parents appear equally anxious to help. A Letts guide to the tests for 11-year-olds sold more than 40,000 copies in two months and is already in its third print run. The publishers have commissioned another for next year's tests at 14.

Testplan will include relevant sample questions for both age groups, as well as expert advice on preparation and tips on common mistakes made last year. The series should provide an invaluable guide for children and parents alike.

Tony Millns, the senior spokesman for the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, says: "Anything that encourages parents to take an interest in their children's education and to help them with school work, getting them into the habit of revising before tests and examinations, must be welcome.

"The tests are designed to give information to governors and the wider community, as well as parents, so as many people as possible should have an insight into how they operate."

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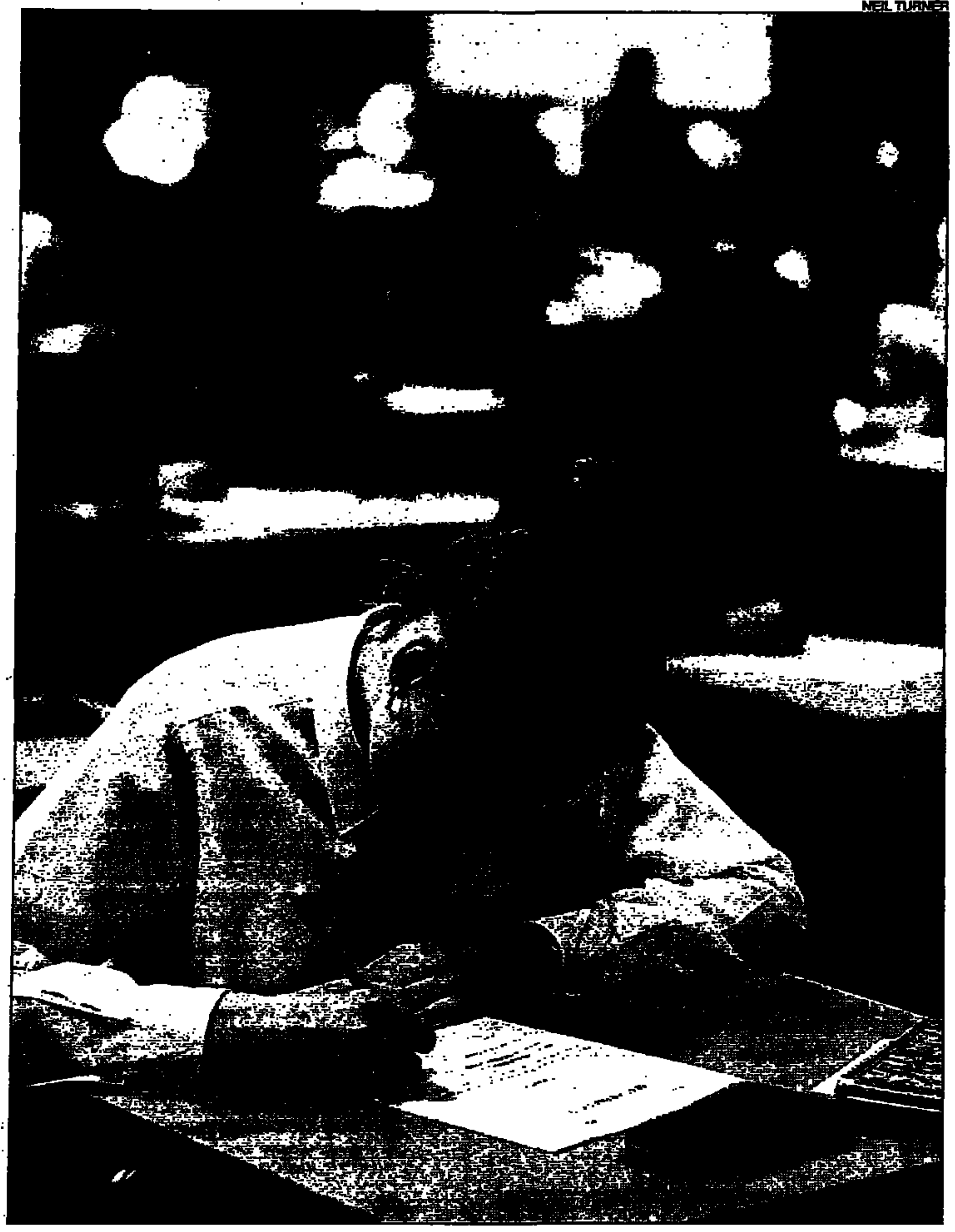


Fourteen-year-olds taking a standard assessment test. How should pupils prepare for them?

BRINGING HOME RESULTS AT BACON'S

Tests are part of the furniture at Bacon's College. The city technology college in Rotherhithe, south London, is one of only a handful of schools where pupils will sit the Government's tests for 14-year-old for the third successive year.

The tests are already part of the ritual of the college's academic year. Each January, parents are sent a booklet and invited to a meeting to hear more about the seven-hour battery of tests in English, mathematics and science. In March, pupils sit "mock" tests under formal examination conditions. In May, they return for the real thing. In July, parents receive a full report on their children's performance.

There was never much doubt that Bacon's would take national curriculum testing seriously and defy the boycott by the three main classroom unions. It was the showpiece college's side of a bargain to deliver results to ministers in recompense for more than £13.5 million invested by the taxpayer.

But Tony Perry, the college's acting Principal, expresses genuine enthusiasm for the tests, particularly since the Government agreed to pay for the papers to be marked externally. With a measure of surprise, he says the benefits have been huge: "The tests focus the kids' minds at what is a traditionally difficult age. They act as a springboard to GCSE public examinations and allow pupils to compare themselves against national standards."

Mr Perry says the college finds parents supportive once it has "demystified" the tests. "The most common worries are about what happens to a pupil who fails or misses the tests. We enlist parents' support by explaining that although they are not public examinations, the tests are an important opportunity to measure pupils' progress."

The booklet gives parents a timetable and reams of information about the tests. It details how parents can help their children, explaining everything from the importance of ensuring regular attendance to the need to bring a pen, pencil, rubber, ruler, protractor and calculator to the mathematics test. It explains that the college decides which of the tiered papers individual pupils will sit by referring to their previous work, mock results and consulting teachers. The test results are used as a management tool as well as helping teachers to decide which groupings most pupils will join for their GCSE courses. Bacon's is partially streamed, with the brightest children clustered in classes together.

The school analyses the statistics to project GCSE results for each year group. It also monitors the progress of each cohort by comparing results with those of baseline entry tests taken at 11. This allows the school to construct a sophisticated "value added" measure of pupils' progress, rather than simply relying on the raw test scores.

Bacon's is in Southwark, one of the most deprived London boroughs. The college marshals its analysis of results to dampen unrealistic expectations about its disappointing but improving GCSE results. Only 11 per cent of pupils gained five or more GCSEs at good grades last summer, a figure projected to rise to 15 per cent this year.

Wendy Langworthy, curriculum manager for science, says testing and the ten-level scale used as a benchmark of pupils' academic progress are beginning to take firm root. "Most pupils know what level they are working towards in the core subjects," she says. "It's an incentive for them to get to the next level and they are quite competitive about it."

While thousands of teachers who have still not used the tests remain sceptical or oppose them outright, Miss Langworthy argues that they help teachers. She insists: "We saw from the mock tests last term that pupils were weak in some areas of the curriculum. It was useful for us to be able to go back and teach those areas again."

BEN PRESTON

Problem parents

Pupils can enjoy tests, say **John O'Leary** and **Ben Preston**

THEY MAY not like to admit it, but children actually enjoy tests, according to psychologists. Most of the problems arise from the expectations of parents and teachers.

The sheer regularity of testing introduced in the reforms means that schools and families will have to become used to the pressure. Most pupils will be tested formally five times in the course of their school career.

For two decades, few children in state schools experienced an external examination until they sat GCSE at the age of 16. One of the aims of the national curriculum tests is to familiarise them with the process to foster improvements in public examinations.

The first national assessments, limited to seven-year-olds, prompted fears that the strain would prove too much. One school in Cardiff even halted the tests when parents complained that their children were having sleepless nights and becoming disruptive.

Since then, however, the arguments have centred more on the strain on teachers than on pupils. Dr Martin Desforges, a senior educational psychologist who lectures at Sheffield University, says: "By and large, children seem to enjoy the sort of experience associated with assessment. Given the right emotional support and ambience, they usually display little anxiety."

Dr Desforges says a competitive streak in parents and a tendency by teachers to label children according to previous performance are where things start to go wrong. "Teachers are very much influenced by the expectations that they have of children from the information provided at the start of the school year. That is unfortunate because child development is a very uneven process."

Since many children move schools after their tests at seven and 11, the results assume added importance if their new classes are streamed. But Dr Desforges says the ten-level scale of assessment is not sufficiently consistent to draw hard conclusions about how a child's performance compares with the expected rate of progress.

Michael Barber, Professor of Education at Keele University, believes external tests for 14-year-olds will reinvigorate both pupils and teachers. He argues: "The third year in secondary school is a Cinderella year. Research shows that pupils' motivation is at its lowest level because there is nothing to work for."

Unpublished work by the Centre for Educational Research at the London School of Economics underlines the impact that parents and teachers can have on children sitting tests. Dr Anne West, director of research, says that primary pupils taking the seven-year-old tests were often very relaxed and enjoyed the tasks involved. "The brighter pupils were more susceptible to parental pressure and teacher expectation."

TOMORROW

Parents' guide to revision and exam techniques

WEDNESDAY

English tests for 14-year-olds

Climbing the steps to success

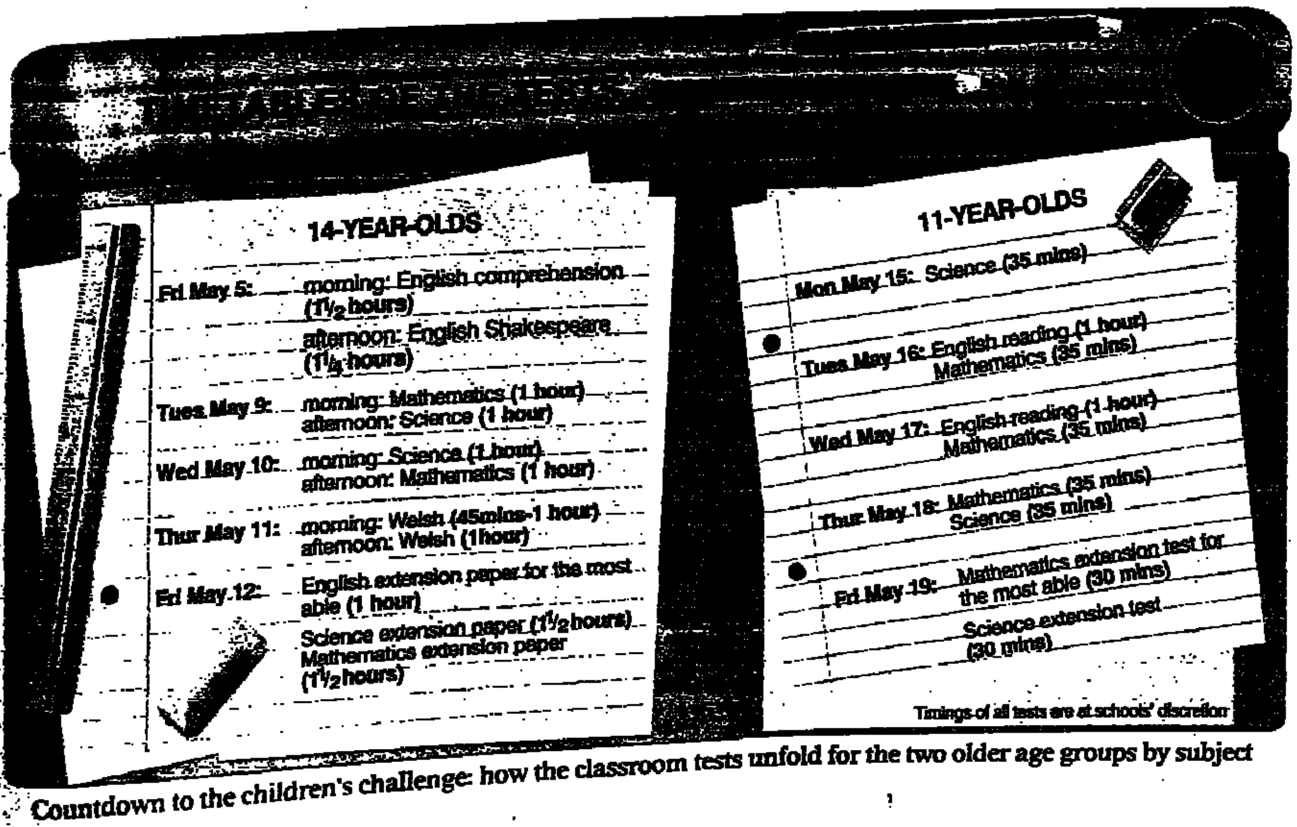
WHATEVER THE age group, national curriculum test results will all be judged on the same ten-level scale. An average pupil will make one level's progress every two years.

At the age of seven, the assessment and tests will cover the first three levels of the curriculum, with the majority achieving Level 2. Those who do particularly well in a subject may try the tests designed for 11-year-olds.

By the age of 11, the average child will be on Level 4. The tests cover levels 3-5, while separate tasks are set for those falling behind and there is an extension test which enables the brightest to reach Level 6.

At 14, pupils are tested at one of four degrees of difficulty, each covering three levels of the curriculum. Most are expected to reach Level 5 or 6, although extension papers are available up to Level 10 for those on accelerated programmes. Separate tasks will be used to assess those still below Level 2.

The top of the scale, Level 10 equates to a starred A at GCSE, Level 9 to an A and 8 a B, with Levels 6 and 7 equivalent to grades C, D and E.



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Tues May 9:	morning: Mathematics (1 hour) afternoon: Science (1 hour)
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Countdown to the children's challenge: how the classroom tests unfold for the two older age groups by subject

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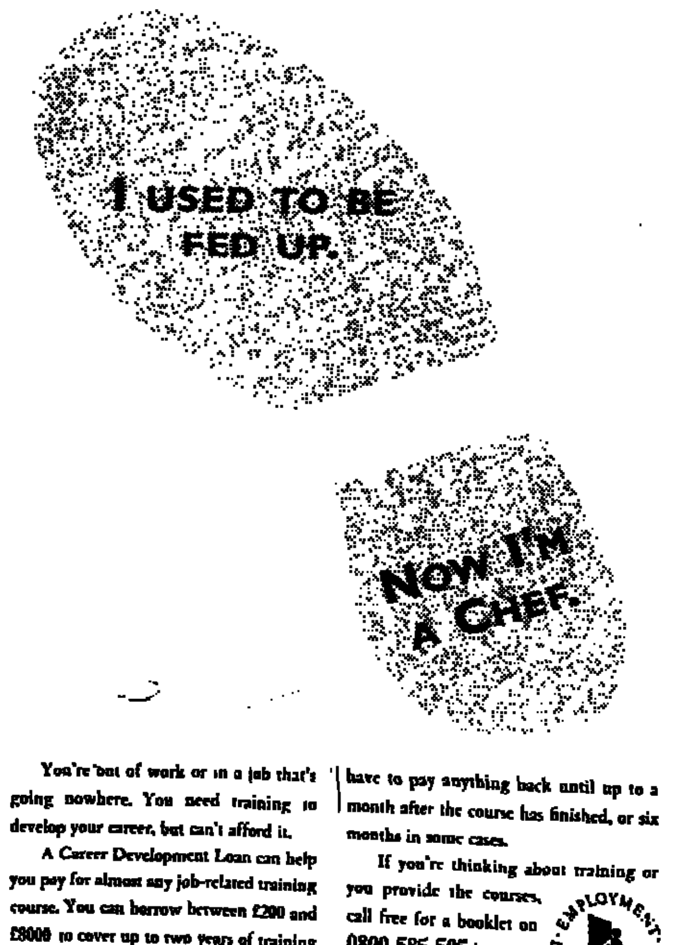
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1,899.50	Warburg SG	769	+ 26	3.6	14.1
5,317.40	Wells Fargo†	£103¾	+ 87½	2.8	
4,191.00	Westpac	229¾	+ 3¼	2.4	-
17.30	Wintrust	303	- 2	6.5	13.6

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
41.40	Asal Hldgs	150	+ 2	..	
4,803.80	Bass	549	+ 4	4.8	13.6
323.50	Boddington	266	- 1	4.2	13.7
32.20	Burtonwd Brw	155	- 2	4.1	13.0
31.30	Eldridge P 'A'	151	- 1	3.4	18.3
1,866.90	Fosters Brewing	58	+ 4	4.7	15.3
73.80	Fuller Sm 'A'	362		2.7	15.0
956.50	Greenalls Grp	457	+ 7	3.6	15.1
218.40	Greene King	515	+ 6	3.2	14.0
49.40	Hardy Hansn	247	+ 3	4.8	12.1
3.48	Heavitree	150	- 5	3.8	10.6
104.60	Holt J	3375		2.0	-
157.90	Mansfield	246	+ 1	2.4	15.0
260.10	Marston Thmp	289	+ 1	2.6	14.1
99.20	Morland	457	+ 2	2.9	13.7
9.44	Paramount†	8		3.9	18.9
54.20	Regent Inns	366	+ 15	2.0	20.9
4,740.70	SA Breweries	1687½	+ 6¼	1.7	27.4
2,862.20	Scot & New	536	- 7	4.1	15.3
329.20	Vaux Group	235	+ 1	5.2	19.3
179.10	Wetherspoon JD†	492	- 11	1.8	22.7
2,716.80	Whitbread	565	+ 21	4.2	15.4
346.50	Wolvrhmptn D	521	+ 21	3.3	13.5
85.10	Yates Bros	217	+ 2	2.2	17.1
13.20	Young 'A'	455		4.1	19.2

DISTRIBUTORS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
27.80	Abi Lee	103	+ 5	4.9	11.8
23.40	Adam & Harvey	545	- 5	3.6	6.8
8.06	Alexanders	20		6.2	9.6
71.20	Appleyard†	107		6.8	-
9.85	Ass Br Eng	3¼	..	1.7	26.8
145.40	BSS Group	449		4.1	19.6
7.43	Bearing Power	21		6.0	10.8
1.21	Bogod 'A'	25		3.5	10.5
167.00	Brammer†	372	+ 17	4.5	-
4.67	Bridgend Gp	17	+ 2	1.5	
21.40	Brit Fittings†	90		4.2	-
13.60	Brown & Tawse	42	+ 2		
39.10	[illegible]	37	+ 3	6.5	-
8.09	Caffyns	245		5.9	40.2
10.00	Central Mtr	73		4.7	48.6
16.70	Cook (DC)	39	+ 3	3.7	12.0
413.80	Cowie	257	- 4	4.4	11.1
33.20	Dag Motors†	137	- 1	6.4	-
24.60	[illegible]	558	- 5	1.5	13.8
258.80	Diploma	463	+ 8	2.6	18.3
1,127.20	Electrocomponts	506	- 2	2.4	22.0
42.10	Electron House	165	+ 2	2.7	13.9
272.30	Ellis & Everard	254	+ 9	3.9	16.9
55.20	European Mtr	103	- 1	5.5	11.2
123.50	Evans Halshaw†	386	+ 8	4.9	11.4
788.80	Farnell Elect	583	- 7	1.9	-
7.44	File Indrs▼	48	..	7.8	-
25.30	Gardiner	23½		4.3	10.8
4.30	[illegible]	17			18.8
6.10	Gowrings	67	+ 1	4.3	-
30.90	Hallin Hldgs†	69	...	1.8	13.2
17.80	Harris (Philip)	165		5.2	14.5
156.58	Henlys	326	+ 18	3.3	15.1
2.93	Holders Techn	94		8.0	28.2
37.90	ISA Intl	95	+ 1	2.5	-
1,681.10	Inchcape†	319	+ 10	5.9	12.3
7.13	Jacks (Wm)	66	+ 8		15.3
263.90	Kwik-Fit	153	- 2	3.6	15.1
314.50	Lex Service	330	- 4	5.3	17.6
32.80	Lookers†	168		5.6	9.3
22.90	Malaya Grp	14	- ½	3.6	33.3
28.30	Middlesex	5	- 1	1.3	-
35.40	[illegible]	340	- 7	0.8	15.2
18.30	Northamber	107½	+ 22½	1.5	45.7
13.70	PCT	154	+ 2	6.5	-
95.20	Pendragon†	248	+ 5	4.1	14.4
35.70	Perry Gp	141		6.9	-
30.40	[illegible]	132		5.2	-
15.30	REA	168	- 2	4.5	34.8
5.31	Reece	3			-
6.28	Ross Gp	4¼	- 1	5.9	
39.70	SEP Intl	49	- 2	2.7	16.3
17.30	SLS Range†	48	+ 1	3.9	-
122.70	Time Products	231	..	4.7	15.5
100.00	Vardy (Reg)†	216		3.0	16.1
35.20	Wholesale Ftgs	248	..	5.9	22.7
22.80	Wilts Gp	13	- ½	4.8	7.3
55.90	Wilshaw	67½	+ 2½	1.2	22.8
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12.40	Young (H)	75	+ 2	6.0	14.0

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Interims: BAT Industries (Q1), Tate & Lyle. **Finals:** Albany Investment Trust, James Beattie, Bellway, CI Group, Country Casuals Holdings, Frank G Gates, Greenway Holdings, Whitbread. **Economic statistics:** UK official reserves (April).

THURSDAY

Interims: Kwik Save Group, Edinburgh Inca Trust, Kleinwort European Privatisation Investment Trust, Kleinwort High Income Trust, Titon Holdings. **Finals:** N Brown Group, Fleming Continental European Investments, Silentnight Holdings. **Economic statistics:** Cyclical indicators (April).

FRIDAY

Interims: BCE Holdings, Bearing Power International. **Finals:** Hopkinsons Group. **Economic statistics:** Major British banking groups' quarterly analysis of lending (Q1); insolvency statistics (Q1); bankruptcy statistics (Q1); full monetary statistics.

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: **Buy** TI Group, Trinity Holdings. **Hold** Body Shop. *The Observer*: **Sell** Bank of Scotland. **Hold** Etam, Whitbread. *The Independent on Sunday*: **Buy** Dixons, Allied Textiles. **Sell** Silentnight. *The Sunday Telegraph*: **Buy** Woodchester Investments. **Sell** Kwik Save. *The Mail on Sunday*: **Sell** Euro Disney. **Buy** Keller Group.

COMPANIES MICHAEL CLARK

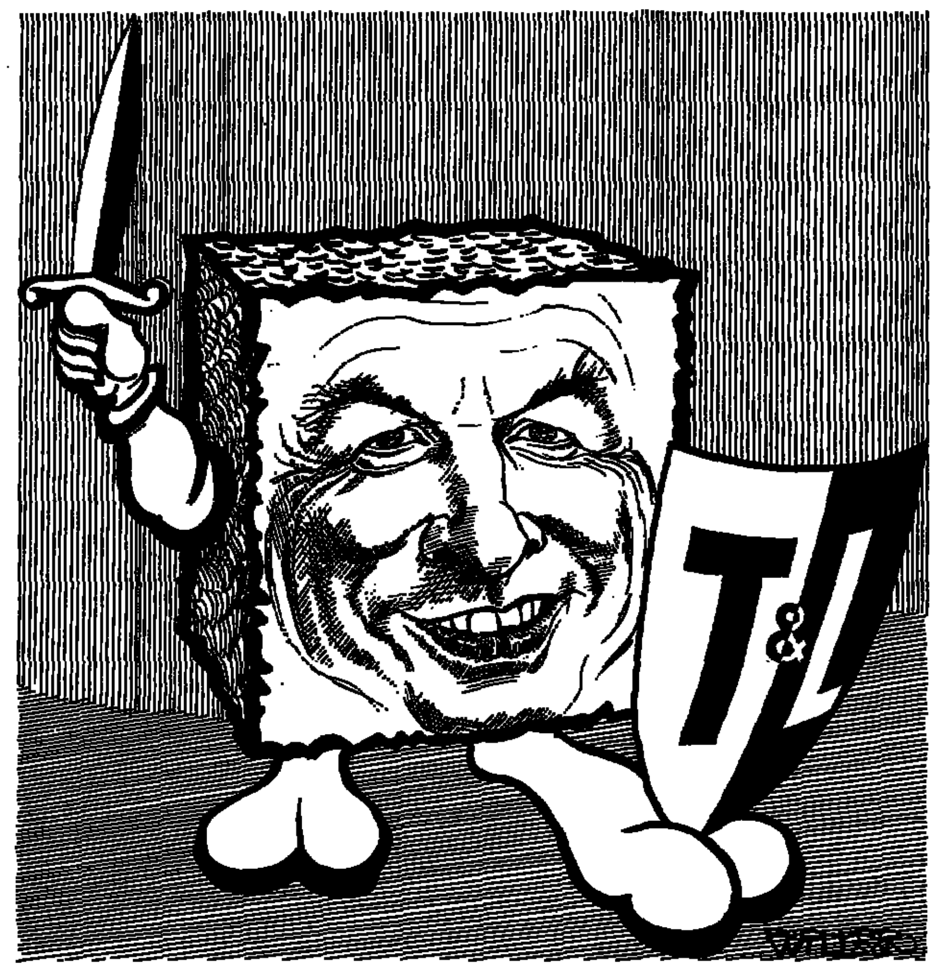
Looking for BAT to light up

SHAREHOLDERS of **BAT Industries** were cheered at last week's annual meeting with a glowing report about trading prospects by Sir Patrick Sheehy, the chairman.

He talked of a "substantial increase" in pre-tax profits during the current year and a "significant rise" in dividends compared with 1994. As a result, the City will be scrutinising first-quarter figures, due on Wednesday, for the first signs of the lift-off in profits.

NatWest Securities, the broker, says these figures should start to reveal the benefits of BAT's acquisition of American Tobacco last year for $1 billion. NatWest is forecasting a jump in pre-tax profits of 13 per cent, from £424 million to £480 million. As expected, the lion's share of the improvement will come from the tobacco division, where profits are set to climb from £268 million to £310 million. It is estimated that more than 65 per cent of tobacco profits this year will be derived from the US and exports.

The improvement in financial services — which includes Eagle Star, Allied Dunbar and Farmers in the US — will be modest in comparison, with its contribution growing 5 per cent to £230 million. Farmers and Allied Dunbar still have their problems, but Eagle Star is expected to benefit from a better investment return.



Sir Neil Shaw can sweeten the half-time dividend from better profits

WHITBREAD: Full-year figures, out on Wednesday, should reveal the benefits of investment in the group's retailing division and a recovery in its leisure activities. Pre-tax profits are set to grow from £231.7 million to around £252 million. Unlike many of its competitors, Whitbread is expected to have made progress in beer sales by concentrating on the dearer end of the market with brews such as Murphys, Boddingtons and Stella Artois.

But the best performances are likely to come from its restaurant and leisure division, which includes TGI Friday's and Beefeater, and its Inns division, trading under the name Brewers Fayre and Travel Inns. Both divisions have had money spent on them, with capital expenditure up by more than 30 per cent overall.

Earlier this year Whitbread threw its hat in the ring as a buyer for the Courage brewing division. The group was unable to reach agreement with Foster's, the owner, and Courage now looks set to go to Scottish & Newcastle for about £500 million.

TATE & LYLE: Brokers are looking for impressive half-year figures from Sir Neil Shaw, the chairman, on Wednesday, with market estimates ranging from £140 million to £150 million against £130.9 million last time.

Profits from the sugar operation are set to grow about 5 per cent, helped by favourable currency movements and an improved price on world markets. The cost base will also have improved. This will go some way to offsetting the effects of sugar dumping in Canada and margin pressure at Domino Sugar Corporation in the US. Shareholders are expected to be rewarded with a 7 per cent rise in the interim payout.

BODY SHOP: It has not been an easy year for Anita Roddick and her team, with sentiment in the shares badly dented by doubts about the group's environmental record, the arrival of a major rival, Bath & Body Works, in Britain, and poor sales growth in the US. Followers of the company hope that full-year figures tomorrow will go some way to restoring confidence and the group's credibility within the Square Mile. Pre-tax profits are expected to improve from £28.6 million to £33.5 million after a reasonably optimistic trading statement in January.

The impressive sales growth experienced in Britain during the past few years is expected to continue. Retail sales over the Christmas period were in line with the cumulative ten-month performance, showing a rise of about 7 per cent overall.

Sales in the US have grown about 27 per cent, helped by store openings, but the like-for-like performance remains disappointing, unchanged on the first half of the year. The dividend is expected to be raised from 2p to 2.4p.

KWIK SAVE: Brokers will be anxious to glean some information about current trading when the group unveils half-year figures on Thursday. Full-year figures in November revealed a 5 per cent decline in like-for-like sales covering the eight weeks to the end of October. The company has also lost market share in spite of an aggressive stores opening programme. Analysts will want to know if anything has changed. It is assumed that pressure on sales and margins will result in a decline in profitability of the core business, while Shoprite, acquired last year as part of a rescue operation, is continuing to sustain operating losses.

As a result, overall profits are expected to be lower, with pre-tax figures down about £2 million at £63.5 million, although some analysts are expecting little change. In the meantime, speculation persists that Hong Kong-based Dairy Farm may soon sell its near-30 per cent stake in the company to a potential bidder.

Markets braced for further increase in base rate

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

THE financial markets will be on tenterhooks before Friday's monthly monetary policy session between the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England, which is widely expected to produce a fresh rate rise.

A Reuter poll of economists found that 95 per cent of respondents expected a half-point rise in base rates after the meeting between Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George, the local election results and the latest inflation figures.

The last rise, also half a point, was on February 2, but some analysts still doubt that an immediate increase is needed, especially after Mr Clarke's remarks in America last week that he had no intention of increasing rates just to boost the fortunes of sterling. With the dollar looking more comfortable last week, in spite of inaction by finance ministers from the Group of Seven leading trading nations, sterling could benefit from the lack of dollar-driven currency turbulence and expectations of monetary tightening.

With most of Europe closed for the May Day holiday, the foreign exchange market should be quiet today. Bank of England figures for M0, the officially monitored narrow money supply measure, out today, are expected to show a slowdown in the annual growth rate to 6.8 per cent in April from 7 per cent in March.

Wednesday sees publication of the April figures for official reserves of gold and foreign currency, which could reveal pointers to some intervention by the Bank of England to counter sterling weakness.

Local elections in England and Wales, in which the Conservatives look set to suffer, are likely to reawaken fears about political risk attached to sterling markets.

After last week's moderate US gross domestic product data, which showed growth slowing sharply in the first quarter, Wall Street will have its eyes trained closely on employment figures, out Friday. Strong growth in non-farm payrolls in April could make the market start to change its mind about the prospects for the Fed tightening monetary policy fruther later in the year.

The National Association of Purchasing Managers April report, out today, could also move sentiment in this direction, if it supports the picture of robust growth seen in the Chicago managers index on Friday.

COLIN NARBROUGH

Spending on R&D falling back

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

BRITAIN'S spending on industrial research and development is falling back, according to the Institute of Directors' annual survey of R&D expenditure published today.

But the survey suggests that for companies that do plough earnings back into their businesses through R&D, the move more than pays off.

Research spending is down in real terms, the survey says. Looking at 230 companies in the FT-SE non-financials index, and covering R&D spending for the four years to March 1995, the IoD finds that more than £25 billion has been spent on R&D in Britain since 1989.

But while turnover and R&D spending is up in cash terms, spending on research is now growing at a slower pace than sales.

The study, carried out for *Director*, the IoD's magazine, by VI Performance and Learning Systems, finds that, in real terms, R&D spending is now down by 3 per cent on 1989. Though in real terms, civil R&D spending is up by 7 per cent, it is more than offset by a 36 per cent fall in defence research spending. In 1993, the pharmaceuticals industry topped the R&D spending list, at £1.6 billion, followed by aerospace at £863 million.

In the past four years, Glaxo has been the top spender overall, investing £2.7 billion on R&D, which generated what the institute calls a "huge" £10.8 billion in terms of added value. It is followed by SmithKline Beecham, which has invested £1.9 billion, generating £10.4 billion.

Companies themselves accounted for the bulk of the total R&D spending in 1993 of £9.1 billion. Business contributed £7.5 billion, or 71 per cent of the total, while the Government accounted for £1.2 billion, or 13 per cent — again down from the 17 per cent it contributed in 1989. Overseas sources made up the rest.

The top 50 companies examined by the institute account for two-thirds of all R&D activity and include seven pharmaceutical manufacturers, four healthcare operators, six engineering and aerospace companies, 13 IT firms and ten electronics businesses.

Insurance market had £1.06 billion solvency shortfall

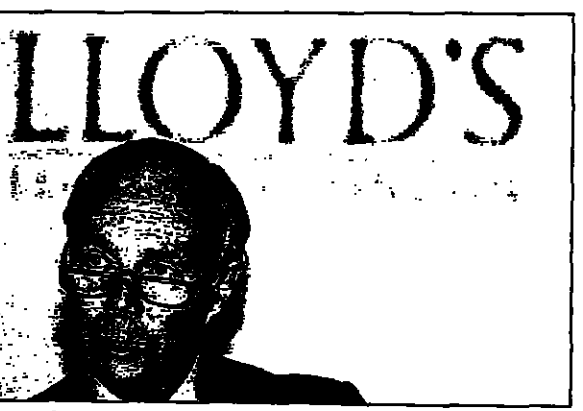
Lloyd's forced to raid reserves

By Colin Narbrough

LLOYD'S OF LONDON, the troubled insurance market, had to resort to a loan from its reserves to cover a £1.06 billion solvency shortfall in December when it exceeded its available assets.

But David Rowland, the Lloyd's chairman, commenting on the society's annual report, published today, voiced confidence in the overall financial health of the market.

He said: "In drawing up our accounts, we are required to satisfy ourselves that we are a going concern, able to trade through the better times that are coming. On the basis of progress to date, our knowledge of the substantial profits already earned on the 1993 and 1994 accounts and of the proposals we are considering, we are so satisfied." Under Lloyd's solvency procedures, when a shortfall between a name's assets and liabilities occurs, the society has to identify funds to enable the name to pass the solvency test and meet official requirements. The solvency shortfall, which peaked last August at £1.3 billion, came down to £1.06 billion by December 31, according to the annual report. It was mainly covered by Lloyd's central fund, based on a levy on names and designed to reinforce the security of Lloyd's when individual members are unable, or unwilling, to meet commitments.



David Rowland is confident of financial health

The society's net assets were also deployed, but a gap remained, which had to be plugged with a credit from a facility for errors and omissions. A spokesman for Lloyd's noted that the central fund had since been stocked up by £80 million, but that underlying funds had decreased as membership declined. From a peak of 31,000 in 1988-89, Lloyd's membership has fallen below 15,000.

The results for the 1992 insurance year, due at the end of this month, are expected to show that members liabilities have fallen. Peter Middleton, chief executive, said the council was exploring the scope for fairer and quicker settlement of litigation.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 105 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the members of the above company will be held at Price Waterhouse, The Quay, 30 Channel Way, Ocean Village, Southampton SO14 3QG at 10:00 am on Friday 19 May 1995 to be followed at 10:30 am by a general meeting of creditors, for the purpose of:-
(a) having laid before them an account of the liquidators' acts and dealings and of the conduct of the winding-up during the year ended 28 February 1995.
(b) hearing any explanations that may be given by the liquidators.
A member or creditor entitled to vote at either of the above meetings may appoint a proxy holder to attend and vote instead of him or her. A proxy holder need not be a member or creditor of the company. Proxies for use at either of the meetings must be lodged at the office of Price Waterhouse, The Quay, 30 Channel Way, Ocean Village, Southampton SO14 3QG no later than 12 noon on 18 May 1995. Please note the original proxy signed by or on behalf of the member or creditor must be lodged at the address mentioned, photocopies (including fax copies) are not acceptable.
Date this 24 day of April 1995.
P S Padmore
Joint Liquidator

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - Home-Start Consultancy
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Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of Creditors of the above company will be held at The Lake Hotel, 234 London Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire on Wednesday 10 May 1995 at 10.00a.m. In order to be able to vote, details of claims must be lodged at Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St. Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD no later than 12.00 noon on Tuesday 9 May 1995. In addition, a form of proxy must also be lodged prior to the meeting. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Creditors whose claims are partially secured should deduct the value of their security from their total claim and they will only be allowed to vote on the unsecured portion of their claim. Creditors should also note that the Joint Administrative Receivers can call for any document or other evidence to be produced to substantiate their claim. DATED this 24th day of April 1995 N J HAMILTON-SMITH AND D J MASON JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS.

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NO: 001234 of 1995
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF FRIARS COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated the 12th April 1995 confirming the reduction of the Capital of the above-named company from £680,000 to £200,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the Capital of the company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 19th April 1995.
DATED this 27th day of April 1995
Messrs Church Adams Tatham & Co
Chatham Court
Lesbourne Road
Reigate, Surrey
Solicitors for the above-named Company.

Video Technology Marketing Limited (IN LIQUIDATION)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the provision of Rule 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that a first and final dividend will be paid within a period of four months from the last date of proving. The last date for creditors to prove claims in this liquidation is 9 June 1995. Creditors of the above named Company should send their addresses, descriptions and full particulars of their debts or claims to the undersigned, P. Monjack, FCA Leonard Curtis & Co PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF Under Rule 11.3(2) a Liquidator is not obliged to deal with claims lodged after the date of proving. DATED THIS 25th day of April 1995 P. MONJACK, Liquidator

CHARITY COMMISSION
THE BRITISH COAL COLLECTION
SCHEME FOR THE REGULATION OF THE CHARITY
The Charity Commissioners propose to establish a Scheme for the regulation of the Charity known as The British Coal Collection. Copies of the proposed Scheme will be supplied on written request to the Charity Commission, Second Floor, 20 Kings Parade, Queens Dock, Liverpool L3 4DQ (Ref: 509579-C8(Liv4)), and may also be seen at that address.
Objections and suggestions may be sent to the Commissioners within one month from today.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - Mrs Marjorie Mayler-Lang in connection with the Girl Guides Association - National
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St. Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference GA-186980-CD(Ldn1). Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

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BR aims to raise £100m from telecoms sale

By Eric Reguly

BRITISH Rail Telecommunications has gone back on the auction block, after a failed privatisation effort two years ago, in an effort to raise more than £100 million.

The company is profitable and has a stable client base of train operating companies. It has a dedicated maintenance force and, most importantly, a high-capacity cable network that links virtually every town and city in Britain with 16,000 kms of phone and data lines, a quarter of which are fibre-optic cable.

But capacity could prove its biggest liability. Britain is awash with telecoms networks. British Telecom and Mercury Communications have networks and the cable companies are spending more than £10 billion to build their own. In addition, Energis created a vast network last year simply by stringing fibre-optic cables along the pylons of the National Grid, the electricity transmission system.

David Blake, managing director of the British Rail Vendor Unit, which is charged with selling all of BR's non-passenger businesses, admits that the presence of widespread capacity "obviously is a problem" for BRT. But he thinks the company has enough going for it to make it attractive to buyers.

Swiss Bank Corporation has been hired to sell the company. The vendor unit hopes to drum up a short list of contenders by the summer, with the sale occurring by early autumn.

Mr Blake will not reveal the sales price. He will say only that he thinks BRT is worth a "fairly heavy multiple" of its pre-tax profits of £17 million on turnover of £170 million in its latest financial year. The talk is that the vendor unit expects to receive more than £100 million.

Three broad groups of possible buyers have been identified: engineering companies, cable and software companies, and global telecoms groups, such as AT&T. Of the lot, Mr Blake thinks that cable and software companies might be the keenest. Britain's dozen or so cable groups are building regional franchises for TV and telephony service. Eventually, those franchises will have to be connected so that other services, such as video-on-demand, and the information superhighway, can be put into place. The software category would include companies such as EDS, which might need a network to manage and transmit computer data on behalf of corporate clients.

The cable companies, however, do not seem enthusiastic about BRT. Niall Hickey, the Cable Communications Association spokesman, said that capacity has become a "commodity business". If the cable companies want to link their franchises, they could easily do so by leasing lines from operators such as Energis. There is no need to buy a network.

Still, the vendor unit remains optimistic. BRT has a good chance of remaining profitable because it has captive clients. Mr Blake said: "BRT gives you capacity plus direct access to all the population centres. We have the perfect network on which to build."

Small firms offered more help to grow

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

THE Government is launching two initatives today aimed at helping small businesses to grow, which ministers will claim will help improve companies' access to finance.

The moves stem from the Treasury's industrial finance initiative, a now completed study of the flows of finance to business. Ministers believe that there is considerable demand among small businesses for the steps the Government is taking.

The announcement, to be made by Anthony Nelson, Economic Secretary, will start up two studies. One will consider the scope for setting up US-style "business incubators" in Britain. The second will examine the idea of a new certificate to signal companies' financial competence.

Mr Nelson said: "I believe that these ideas may have great potential for identifying and helping firms with the capacity to grow." Under the incubator idea, sites are developed for small businesses. But incubators differ from, say, science parks in the UK in that a crucial feature is the presence on site of a director specifically charged with helping them grow.

The Government will set up a panel of specialists that will study closely two incubators already operating in Britain — the St John's Innovation Centre in Cambridge, sponsored by St John's College Cambridge, and the Midas scheme in the West Midlands.

After an expected 18 months' work, the panel will recommend whether to proceed with the idea. The Treasury believes incubators would fit well with other government-supported schemes to help industry, including the Business Link network.

Under the second move, the Treasury and the Department of Trade and Industry will issue a consultation paper today examining the idea of a new Financial Management Certificate, aimed at widening small companies' access to finance and encouraging them to improve their own financial mamagement.

Ministers hope that the certificate, foreshadowed by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, in his Budget last year, will reduce the risk of failure among new and small companies by improving their financial management.

Under the low-cost proposals to be put forward, accreditation of businesses would be carried out by a range of bodies, probably led by the National Accreditation Council for Certification Bodies.

The certificate would be modular, in that even the smallest companies could apply for foundation-level approval, with additional and more extensive elements then applicable to companies of different sizes and structures and in different industries.

Ministers draw parallels between the proposed certificate and NVQ skill qualifications for individuals. They want the study to find out whether the suggested accreditation would be subject to the slowness of take-up and poor standards that critics of the NVQs claim are characteristic of the skill system.

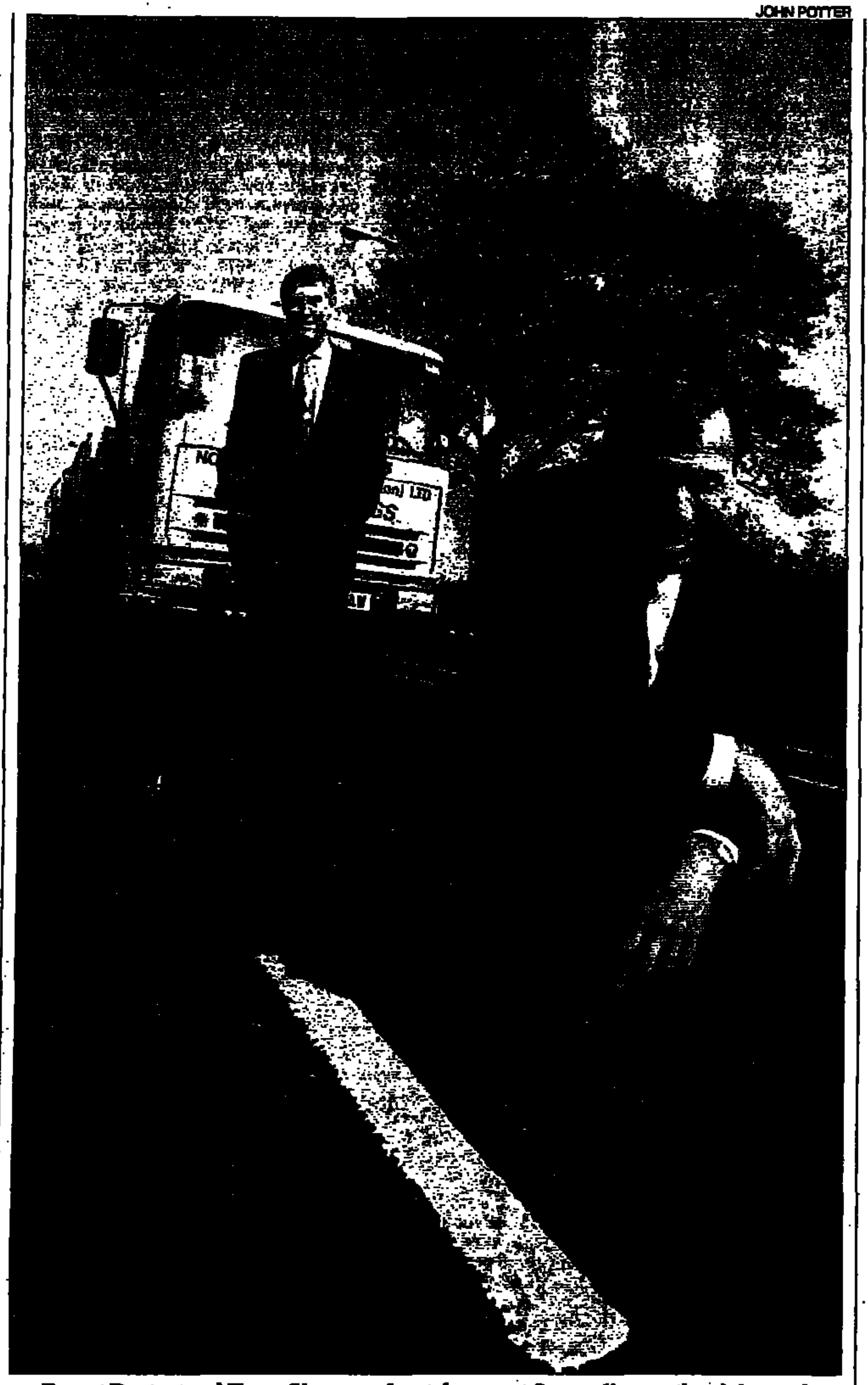
Nabarro merges to join top 10

BRITAIN'S thirteenth largest law firm, Nabarro Nathanson, has merged with the remaining partners of Turner Kenneth Brown to create one of the country's ten largest law firms (writes Eric Reguly).

Turner's 21 partners and 75 other employees, including solicitors, consultants and trainees, will join Nabarro, which has 107 partners and 295 other staff. The Turner name will disappear. Turner specialised in information technology, engineering, capital markets and venture-capital law.

The combined fee income of the larger firm, which starts business today, will be about £65 million. Chris Hinze, a spokesman for Nabarro, said: "This gives us greater depth in those areas." Nabarro, whose speciality is litigation and property and corporate law, began merger negotiations with Turner in December. Turner had been rebuilding its business after heavy debts led to the departure of about a dozen lawyers.

JOHN POTTER



Ernest Burton and Terry Simpson, front, have put Streamline on the right road

Streamline marks out route to market listing

By Neil Bennett

THE company that paints the lines on Britain's roads and manufactures the dreaded plastic cones that drive motorists to despair is planning to float on the stock market this year, after enjoying a surge in profits and negotiating a series of acquisitions in 1994.

Streamline, a £72 million management buyout from Shell in February 1993, hopes to come to the market in the autumn, valued at about £150 million. As well as cones and double yellow lines, the group makes a range of sophisticated road surfaces and traffic management systems and exports to more than 60 countries.

Today, the company will announce a 32 per cent rise in profits during 1994 to £10.3 million, on turnover of £136 million, up 6 per cent. Sales were boosted by the acquisitions of Fibrescreed, which makes patching repair sealants for motorways and runways, and Zebraflex, which makes anti-skid surfaces.

The company has been turned round in the past two years by Terry Simpson, the chief executive and former managing director of Bunzl, and Ernest Burton, finance director, who was previously with Rockware Group. They have improved Streamline's cash flow to such an extent that it has reduced its debts from £40 million since the buyout to £10 million today, in spite of spending £9 million on acquisitions.

Streamline also owns a building products division that makes roofing membranes and flooring adhesives, which accounts for more than a third of sales.

The company is keen to reassure City investors that it will not be affected by the slowdown in the Government's road-building programme. Only 3 per cent of its sales come from new roads. Most of its business is repair and maintenance, such as the thermo-plastic paint for road markings, which need to be repainted every three years.

Saatchi brothers challenge Cordiant

By Eric Reguly

LAWYERS acting for Maurice and Charles Saatchi have asked Cordiant, the new name of the Saatchi & Saatchi advertising agency, to remove a section in Cordiant's forthcoming annual report about the transfer of £2.9 million in company pension entitlements to the brothers.

Cordiant's report, due to be published in two weeks, suggests that the amount, which went from the Saatchi group pension scheme to the brothers' private scheme six years ago, may have been incorrectly calculated. The Saatchi brothers may seek an injunction to prevent the publication of the report if the references remain.

The report says: "In March 1995, the directors became aware that after Maurice and Charles Saatchi entered the Saatchi & Saatchi Pension and Assurance Scheme in 1988, £2.9 million was transferred in 1989 from that scheme to a stand-alone scheme for their benefit. The basis of the calculation of the transfer is being reviewed by the company and legal advice is being taken."

At the weekend, Charles Smallwood of Waston Farley, Maurice Saatchi's legal adviser, "complained strenuously" to Travers Smith Braithwaite, Cordiant's independent legal adviser, about the inclusion of the pension references, a spokesman for Maurice said.

Maurice Saatchi is said to be convinced that Cordiant simply is attempting to undermine him as he makes his pitch for the crucial British Airways account. Tomorrow, the airline will decide which agency will win the £60-million prize.

Cordiant has asked Travers Smith and KPMG, its auditor, to scrutinise the transfer. It wants to know how the £2.9 million was calculated, and who approved the transfer.

A spokesman for Maurice Saatchisaid that the transfer was perfectly above board. He said neither Maurice nor Charles was a pension trustee. The chairman of the pension trustees at the time was Vanni Treves, a senior partner at Macfarlanes, a London law firm. Macfarlanes normally acts for Cordiant, but has been replaced by Travers Smith in this matter to prevent a conflict of interest.

Neither Mr Treves nor Maurice would comment.

The spokesman said: "For them to threaten legal action against Maurice Saatchi is an everyday event. To distribute their annual report to the press before their shareholders is a little unusual. But to threaten the senior partner [Mr Treves] of their own legal advisers is truly extraordinary," he said.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Signs of recovery in industrial property

GROWTH in manufacturing has fed through into increased confidence in the industrial property market, according to the latest report from the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, out today. Its first-quarter commercial property survey, which covers 11 regions in England and Wales, showed a balance of 33 per cent of respondent surveyors more confident in the industrial occupier market at the end of March than at the start of the year and only 17 per cent in the final quarter of last year. Confidence was particularly high in East Anglia, the East Midlands and the South West.

Michael Pattison, chief executive of the RICS, said that the devalued pound and Britain's main trading partners emerging from recession had increased demand for British goods and more firms were working at full capacity. "The RICS survey clearly indicates that more firms are deciding to invest, not only in plant and machinery, but also in their buildings," he said.

Advice rules change

BANKS and building societies that offer only a limited range of investment products from one firm must advertise the fact in their front windows by law from today. The rules also cover media advertising. The move has been dubbed "confession day" by independent financial advisers, who hope that they will benefit from greater public awareness of the restrictions on tied agents. Welcoming the move, Geoffrey Lister, the chief executive of Bradford & Bingley, which offers independent advice, said: "I believe these new disclosure rules will provide a major boost for independent financial advice."

Hutchison jobs boost

HUTCHISON TELECOM, parent of the personal communications group that includes Orange, the newest of the four mobile-phone networks, will announce today that 200 new jobs will be created this year in its Darlington operations. The £3 million expansion will raise Hutchison's total employment in Darlington to 700. Hutchison, owned 65 per cent by the Hutchison Whampoa group of Hong Kong and 40 per cent by British Aerospace and Barclays, is concentrating its customer services and paging operations there. Orange has about 145,000 customers in Britain and is the fourth largest mobile-phone network, behind Mercury One-2-One.

C&W chief's bonus hit

JAMES ROSS, chief executive of Cable & Wireless, will see his performance bonus decline substantially in the 1994-1995 financial year, the company said. Mr Ross's bonus was £239,000 in the 1993-1994 financial year, on top of his basic salary of £400,000. The fall in his performance bonus, which will be revealed on June 27, when Cable & Wireless's annual report is published, reflects substantial writedowns recently taken at the 80 per cent-owned Mercury Communications. His basic salary, set in July 1994, is fixed until July 1996.

'Need for tax cuts'

MODEST Budget tax cuts could be necessary to avoid the risk of recession, an economist argues today. In his latest commentary on economic policy, Professor Douglas McWilliams, of the Centre for Economics and Business Research, says weakness of the pound will probably prompt the Chancellor to raise interest rates soon to ensure he hits his inflation target. The risk is that by doing so he will probably slow growth to a "snail's pace", forcing up unemployment and leaving government borrowing uncomfortably high. But if taxes are cut even by 2p in the next three Budgets to offset deflation, growth would continue at an acceptable rate and public borrowing would continue to fall, he says.

Letts back in profit

CHARLES LETTS Group, the UK diary maker, will today announce a return to profit, earning £1.9 million before tax in the 12 months to January 31, its first full year since the acquisition from the Letts family in a £16 million deal. In the previous financial year, the company incurred losses of £785,000. Continuing operations saw turnover ease to £22.75 million from £23.6 million, but operating profits rose to £3.4 million from £2.26 million. Shareholders' funds rose to £5.4 million from £4.2 million. Bill Gore, chief executive, said the current year had started well in Britain and North America. The company celebrates its bi-centenary in 1996.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.32	2.15
Austria Sch	16.68	15.18
Belgium Fr	48.80	44.50
Canada $	2.310	2.150
Cyprus Cyp£	0.751	0.696
Denmark Kr	9.38	8.58
Finland Mkk	7.44	6.79
France Fr	8.33	7.68
Germany Dm	2.38	2.17
Greece Dr	380.00	355.00
Hong Kong $	13.14	12.14
Ireland Pt	1.04	0.96
Israel	5.2866	4.5366
Italy Lira	2845.00	2690.00
Japan Yen	149.50	133.50
Malta	0.602	0.547
Netherlds Gld	2.649	2.419
Norway Kr	10.62	9.82
Portugal Esc	247.00	228.50
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.42
Spain Pta	206.00	193.00
Sweden Kr	12.33	11.53
Switzerland Fr	1.97	1.79
Turkey Lira	refer	66429.0
USA $	1.713	1.583

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CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6097 (+0.0015)
German mark
2.2241 (+0.0128)
Exchange index
84.6 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2448.7 (+12.8)
FT-SE 100
3216.7 (+16.8)
New York Dow Jones
4321.27 (+51.18)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
16806.75 (-161.49)

Politics queers the sales pitch

GILT-EDGED

On nearly all domestic fundamental arguments, the outlook for gilts appears especially good — better than many in the market can remember.

The key issue, as always, is inflation. The true "underlying" rate (ex-mortgage interest payments and indirect taxes) is running at less than 2 per cent. That is comparable with the best in Europe.

Clearly, there are some inflation pressures, mainly from the recent weakness of sterling. But various factors will limit the impact on final retail prices. Wages settlements have not reacted to higher growth and falling unemployment as they have in the past — the lack of the "feel-good factor" is not all bad. This may also be why retailers are finding it so difficult to make higher shop prices stick. In addition, the new monetary policy regime has made a difference, with early base rate rises clearly aimed at making the low inflation environment permanent.

Fiscal policy has also been turned around, with the contraction in government borrowing one of the sharpest in Europe. The PSBR is on target to be about 3 per cent of GDP this financial year, making the UK one of the few EU countries on course to hit the Maastricht targets.

The result is that the glut of gilts is now winding down. The amount to be sold in each of the eight auctions to be held this year should be no more than £2 billion a throw.

Low inflation, together with sensible monetary and fiscal policies. Gilt analysts, peddling their wares around the world on behalf of the UK Government, should be finding audiences more receptive than they can remember. Alas, that is not the case.

The indifference (or even hostility) that the enthusiastic gilt analyst meets is always based on the same issue: political risk. What, he or she is asked time and time again, about the uncertain political outlook in the UK?

There are two kinds of political risk at the moment. Firstly, there is the question of what the Conservatives will do before they lose the next election and, secondly, what will the Labour Party do when it assumes power?

It can be argued that, on both counts, investors are overly cautious. Some reflation before the election is inevitable, but even a degree of reflation comparable, for example, with the "give-away" Budget of 1988 would still leave PSBR below 3 per cent of GDP.

In terms of a Labour Government, the commitment to meeting the Maastricht criteria and, more importantly, the costs that markets can impose on profligate governments, could keep the new Government close to fiscal orthodoxy.

The problem with both of these arguments is, firstly, the force of history. Economic policy has often been politically determined in the UK and most will assume it will remain so until proved wrong. Secondly, even those less cynical will not back UK assets if they assume that the views of the more sceptical majority will prevail. Being right can cost money if the market believes, albeit mistakenly, that you are wrong.

The upshot is that, in spite of the economic background and the view that political risk is overstated, interest in gilts is rather sparse — and not just from overseas investors. It is difficult to see this changing before April 1997, which is judged to be the most likely time for the general election.

The optimistic conclusion is that long-gilt yields will go no higher, given that politics has been fully reflected in current yields. The more pessimistic view is that as the day of political reckoning gets closer, investors will become ever more nervous about swings in fiscal policy. History has, unfortunately, made investors in gilts rather cynical.

JOHN SHEPPERD
NIGEL RICHARDSON
Yamaichi International (Europe)

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page *32*

PENANG LAWYER
(a) A kind of walking-stick, made from the stem of a dwarf palm (*Licuala acuifolia*), a native of Penang and Singapore. In England often misapplied to the Malacca cane. Apparently with jocular reference to the use of the weapon in settling disputes in Penang. Sherlock Holmes: "His stick, which was a Penang lawyer weighted with lead."

BOX WALLAH
(c) A junior clerk, from the Hindi *wala* meaning a worker + *box* from the cupboard he worked in or the briefcase he carried. The term was sometimes used contemptuously or patronisingly for somebody who was probably better at writing and sums than the user. Also a pedlar. A *competition wallah* was more respectful, describing somebody who had passed into the Indian Civil Service by competitive examination.

CHOTA PEG
(c) A small drink, alcoholic, usually a whisky and soda, but in general any small drink. *Chota* means small in Hindi. *Peg* comes from the old-style cup with a peg or pin in it to show how much might be drunk.

KUKRI
(b) The famous curved knife of the Gurkhas, broader at the point than at the handle, and usually having the keen edge on the concave side, with which a Gurkha can remove your head without your noticing, from the Hindi *kukri*.

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After Clause Four, back to that privatisation debate

Only a short while ago, the privatisation debate seemed to have fallen off the political agenda. The Government's medium-term financial plans showed that the Treasury was not expecting any more big asset sales. The most momentous and successful industrial policy of the past 15 years had largely run its course.

Sale of the Post Office, seemingly the last great potential money-spinner, was postponed indefinitely because the Cabinet could not pass it through Parliament. Market radicals had turned their attention elsewhere: to contract out Civil Service and local government functions not directly involved in making policy and to private finance of public investment projects.

The Opposition, meanwhile, had grudgingly accepted in hindsight that the state should not own industry. Pushing British Steel, British Airways and even British Aerospace into the competitive private sector has been fully justified by their much improved efficiency and financial performance.

Labour has never fully accepted that it is legitimate to make private profit out of essential public utilities (thank goodness bread was never nationalised). But a Labour government could not afford to buy the industries back at the much higher values established by their success in the private sector. Sequestering utility shares, or converting them forcibly into debt securities, would wreck people's pensions. European rules are making it ever harder to justify state ownership of telecoms, gas, coal and even conventional power, if not water.

Saturday's vote to abandon the state industry model of Labour principles would, you might think, finally draw a line under the ideological issue that has cost Britain dear for 40 years by diverting attention from practical issues of industrial policy. Even Labour's recent orchestrated attacks on privatised utilities might be seen as pandering to the party's traditional anti-business prejudices while burying the policy reality.

Socialism is dead. Privatisation is done. Now, as suggested here last week, the country might usefully get on with a new agenda for helping British industry to take the lead in Europe. Sadly, this delightful prospect is not to be — at least, not ahead of the next general election. Instead, old battles are to be re-fought under new guises, to the embarrassment of both Government and Opposition.

GRAHAM SEARJEANT

The Prime Minister, the Chancellor, and the President of the Board of Trade are all still anxious to privatise the Post Office. The question is hardly likely to go unasked at election time. They will surely have to put it in their manifesto or abandon the idea for another Parliament. It is easy enough to devise a new framework to achieve privatisation while meeting the worries of opponents on Government backbenches and beyond. A statutory monopoly with a detailed licence, strong regulation and limited equity shares would fit the bill. But that would involve rejecting the competitive model enshrined in the current Gas Bill and in electricity regulation, which has latterly, and gratuitously, given utility privatisation a bad name. Free marketeers would hate it. Given the public suspicion aroused by Mr Heseltine's poor original plan, ministers might well think it not worth the risk.

Meanwhile, Kenneth Clarke has insisted that new sales be brought forward to replace the Post Office and provide cash for tax cuts. Enter Railtrack, which had been earmarked for possible eventual sale, but not until the complex new railway structure had bedded down, and not until the next Parliament. The rail regulator, thinking ahead, therefore persuaded ministers to cut Railtrack's initial rate of return to give train operators a chance.

That change slashed Railtrack's potential sale value. Enter the nuclear power industry, previously thought unsaleable to investors and now likely to prove the most politically fraught of all.

Oddly, rail privatisation may embarrass Tony Blair's New Labour more than John Major. Rail users may be suspicious of what will happen to prices and services, but nothing terribly bad is likely to happen before the election. Rather, they are more likely to notice the refreshing initiative of private operators. The financial risks should only become apparent later. The recent deterioration in service has been blamed on privatisation. It was really due to industrial action by signalmen as Railtrack acted, albeit a trifle hamfistedly, to improve efficiency. Service should recover — unless there are more damaging strikes, for instance, by train drivers. Unions seem bent on resistance, putting Labour on the defensive.

Once Railtrack has been sold, and the rest of the industry splintered, Labour will have to decide whether to renationalise part or all of the system. For a party that has just symbolically abandoned its old Clause Four, that will provide a nice manifesto dilemma, unless it can sabotage Railtrack's sale in advance.

Nuclear power is a different story. It has not been thought through, having largely been promoted by Nuclear Electric management to give its more efficient organisation a future when Government declines to finance new nuclear stations. Merging Nuclear Electric and Scottish Nuclear will surely be the first pitfall. The Scots will hate it. The electricity regulator, dedicated to promoting competition, could surely not accept it, even with the carrot of an early end to the non-fossil fuel levy. Even worse, taxpayers will be left with liabilities to make a sale possible. If government accounting is done on the new model, the sale might scarcely yield anything for the Chancellor's tax cuts.

Tediously, these old battles are destined to hog the headlines and obscure tomorrow's debates.

Attack helicopters line up in battle of Britain's industry

The UK must soon decide who will build its new battlefield attack helicopter, writes **Ross Tieman**

Like a fledgeling trying its wings, Britain's only helicopter manufacturer is fluttering nervously in the remorseless path of defence industry consolidation.

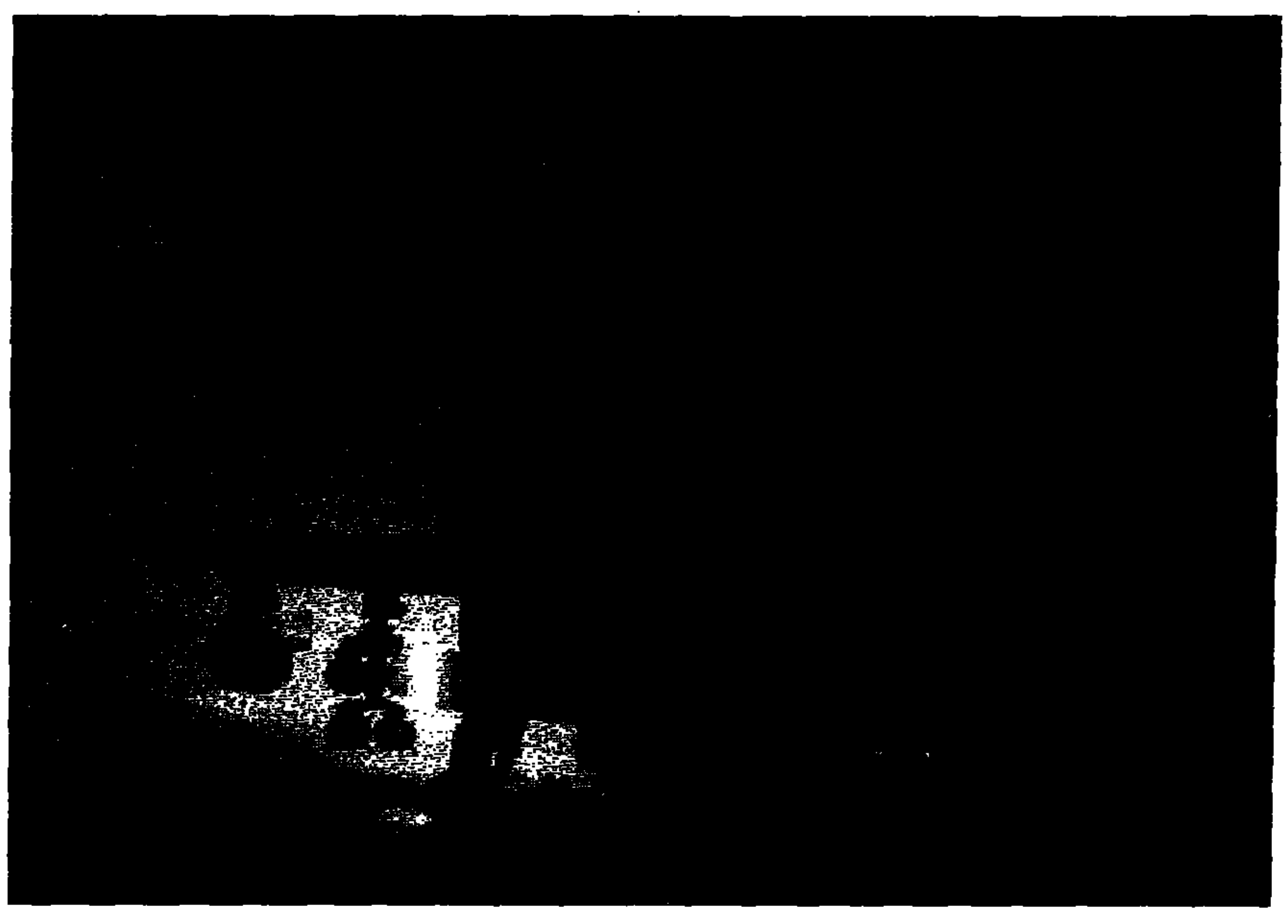
One more hefty slice of contracts would give Westland the muscle it needs to escape the hungry monster and join the predators in its own right. But should the Ministry of Defence's impending £2.6 billion order for attack helicopters go elsewhere, the chance to create a British champion in the new world order will be lost.

The simile might not find favour in Westland's home town of Yeovil, Somerset. But the thrust of this argument is going to be heard from Westland executives a good many times in the Ministry of Defence and the Department of Trade and Industry during the next three months.

For British industry, and for Westland, the stakes are enormous. The attack helicopter is the new raptor of the battlefield, howling through the trees at 150mph. Which will Britain choose? The Apache Longbow, the Cobra Venom or the Tiger? Each will have systems at the cutting edge of technology. The lessons learnt putting it into the sky will position the manufacturer as favourite to win any subsequent helicopter competition.

If Westland wins the contract to supply 91 aircraft, by the early years of the next century it could become the second biggest helicopter company in the West. If the contract goes to either of the rival bidders, GEC and British Aerospace, Britain's purchasing power will be divided between two British helicopter assemblers, each dependent on overseas partners.

Yet giving the contract to BAe would secure for Britain a new partnership with Eurocopter, the Franco-German group, and improve equipment commonality with French and German forces. Choosing GEC would help to retain that company's team of systems integration engineers and raise the prospect of upgrade work on 1,500 American machines around the world. And all that without considering the military capabilities of the rival machines.



The Apache, Westland's candidate built in collaboration with McDonnell and already the MoD favourite

In defence procurement, there are no easy choices. But this decision will be particularly hard because, in the absence of a home-grown contender, each is offering a foreign-designed machine to be assembled in Britain. The MoD's choice, therefore, will be from a trio of Trojan horses, each with a different bellyful of knock-on effects for the British defence industry.

This is ironic, given that Britain declared its need for a fighting helicopter to destroy ground targets in 1982. Westland planned to offer the A129, developed by its Italian partner, Agusta. But it was declared too small and Westland teamed instead with McDonnell Douglas, of America, whose Apache was already the clear MoD favourite.

The Apache is a monster, nine tonnes in weight with a missile load to keep a battalion at bay. Some 700 are in service with the US Army, and $3 billion has been spent developing the latest D version.

Julian Browne, Westland's defence adviser, says 91 Apaches would cost about £14.6 million apiece, plus £7 million each for maintenance and training facilities. Spares and upgrades would add £1.5 billion and £600 million would be needed for munitions.

Westland would ship in part-built Apaches from McDonnell, fit them with either American GE engines or the Anglo-French RTM 322, integrate their missile and control systems and arrange in-service support. The UK manufacturing content would be 40 per cent. But the rest would be offset, the company says, by an 11 per cent British content agreed on McDonnell's American Apache programme.

The second American contender is a new version of the Bell Helicopters Cobra called the Venom, offered by GEC, the electronics group. Based on an airframe and gearbox designed during the Vietnam war, GEC's Venom is the most British of all the contenders, incorporating a new British avionics package accounting for half the cost.

If GEC wins, the Venom's airframe will be shipped in kit form from Texas, together with its GE engines, for assembly at GEC-Marconi Avionics's Rochester site in Kent which will build the cockpit. Or assembly will be done by Westland under contract. Although the players dispute every figure, they agree Venom is the cheapest option.

The European contender is the Tiger, from Eurocopter via BAe. France and Germany have told Britain they will buy 212 each. A British order would win BAe and its suppliers work equal to 20 per cent of the entire programme, and creation of an assembly line at Dunsfold, near Guildford, Surrey. Rolls-Royce already has 20 per cent of the engine.

Military capability, purchase and through-life costs will be important to the purchase decision. But ministers and officials know what else is at stake. According to a senior member of the GEC bid team it is "quite clear that the MoD is looking closely at the level and quality of British industrial participation".

The passing of the Cold War has triggered an era of arms industry consolidation as countries seek to cut arms spending. Roger Freeman, the Defence Procurement Minister, is trying to use Britain's buying power to help UK manufacturers to secure their future within international collaborative programmes.

Westland already has a good workload. The MoD has ordered 44 naval versions of its EH101, and 22 transport versions for the Army. Mr Freeman may feel he should now back BAe, to get Britain into Eurocopter.

Mr Browne disagrees. Better, he says, to build on the MoD's immense investment in Westland. Buying Apache, just as American helicopter purchases are falling, would open the door to UK exports worth up to £5.5 billion.

GEC, with its half-share of the Venom, would hope to sell its electronics to upgrade 221 Cobras for the US Marines, and some 1,500 machines in service worldwide.

The Tiger, top, from BAe and Eurocopter and the Venom, GEC's version of Bell Helicopter's Cobra

Buying Tiger would not make BAe a partner in Eurocopter, 75 per cent owned by Aérospatiale and 25 per cent by Daimler-Benz Aerospace. But it would give it 20 per cent of the programme. That would enable it to sell Tiger, the three-nation Trigat missile in which Britain has invested £185 million and support packages to other nations on its own account.

For Mr Freeman, busy weaving Britain into a web of European weapons projects, that may appeal. Tiger is agile, modern, and should be cheap to run. Yet the programme may be losing momentum. Although Germany has said it will buy 212, it has inherited Russian Hind attack helicopters from East Germany and has only budgeted to buy 75.

Even more damaging: the Dutch cabinet has just decided to buy Apache in preference to the Tiger. With Spain, the Nordic countries and others still to decide, the economic argument for a European solution is weakening.

And introducing GEC, a component supplier, into the helicopter business offers limited industrial benefits.

So Apache may yet offer the best platform to secure a strong helicopter industry for Britain. The nation has invested billions of pounds in developing Westland's capability and providing it with work since the last struggle to secure its future forced Michael Heseltine from the Cabinet nine years ago.

Mr Heseltine, at the DTI now instead of Defence, will once more have a say in the outcome. But desperation is no longer the order of the day. During the next three months, Westland and its parent, GKN, will have to explain exactly how they plan to exploit an Apache order to make Britain a world leader in helicopter design and manufacture. If they fail, Westland's revival, bought at such cost by the taxpayer, may gradually be eclipsed as programme leadership passes into other hands.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Mucking out in the Square Mile

THE *London cry used to be* "bring out your dead". Today, the cry might well be "bring out your electronic muck". The Corporation of London, realising that City offices annually throw out 1,800 tonnes of electronic products, ranging from computer mainframes to burnt-out kettles, has commissioned a £15,000 feasibility study into providing an electronics recycling service. Two of the more bizarre items in the City's rubbish have been a dead shire horse, and a horse's head. The former was collected by arrangement with a brewery. The latter, I'm told, fell off an offal truck, and was picked up by a passer-by then dumped in a litter bin.

Empire building

NOT everybody wants to leave the City for Canary Wharf after all. Fidelity, the world's largest private fund manager, which occupies 25-26 Lovat Lane, wants to build its own premises of up to 100,000 sq ft in the Square Mile, *Estates Gazette* reports. The London application is nothing compared with the US fund manager's Surrey headquarters, of 200,000 sq ft, or its US base, of 603,850 sq metres. But at least it's a start.

Bishop's move

AT SG Warburg, the "Bishop of London" has retired. Barry Addison has manned the bank's reception desk for 26 years and has been known as "The Bishop" since the day he officiated at a mock "marriage" ceremony for a fellow messenger love struck over a Warburg secretary. Addison joined the bank on the day that Henry Grunfeld, co-founder of the merchant bank, retired. Grunfeld, who turns 91 on June 1, still comes into the office!

City Action Man

RUMOURS abound that Hasbro, maker of Action Man, is to create a City type, complete with pinstripe and rolled umbrella. The reconstructed Hasbro range includes a scuba-diver, martial arts warrior and an unshaven adventurer. Bryan Ellis is the group's managing director. Whether the ideas come from his experience as an assistant station master at Newcastle Central is unknown.

COLIN CAMPBELL

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RADIO CHOICE

Double grief of Superman

The Monday Play: Führer Hitler. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*

The first half of Allan Prior's dramatisation of his biographical novel *Führer* ended on Saturday night with Corporal Hitler devastated by Germany's surrender in 1918, and quoting Nietzsche on Germany's need for a superman. Part two begins as part one did. The ex-corporal is in his Berlin bunker, grieving once again over a beaten Fatherland, but this time looking back over events between 1921 and 1939. He is still quoting Nietzsche, although by now, he has assumed the role of Superman — the man of destiny to whom "nothing, nothing, nothing is forbidden". The concluding episode of *Führer* mixes documented fact with acceptable speculation, as part one did. From first to last, Michael Maloney's Hitler has been a tour de force.

Sinatra's Jazz. *Radio 3, 4.30pm.*

Presenting his series about Sinatra, Mel Hill has made things easier for himself by focusing on the singer's influence on jazz, and its influence on him. This means that Hill can plot the gradual perfecting of Sinatra's unique style when he sang with the Harry James and Tommy Dorsey bands. The voice of the 19-year-old Sinatra was subsumed within the group called The Hoboken Four. Four years later, as soloist, it was clear that the *bel canto* flowering had reached an advanced stage. Hill literally winds up his programme on a high note — a falsetto F, beautifully held by Sinatra singing *The Song is New*.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo **4.00am** Early Breakfast Show **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Wendy Lloyd, incl at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat; and at **1.15** The Net **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat and from **6.30** Mark is in the Mix **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Collins and Maconie **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **Midnight** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce, incl at **10.00** Pick of the Hits **11.30** Anna Ford **2.00pm** Chris Stuart, incl at **3.00** Fifties after Three **3.30** Ed Stewart, incl at **3.55** a Party Election Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Dance Band Days, and at **8.00** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** 1995 British Jazz Awards Poll Winners' Concert **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Steve Madden **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.34pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** sport **7.35** Wembley Winners: 1981 — Tottenham Hotspur v Leicester City **8.00** Coventry v Manchester United **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra, incl **11.45** Financial World Tonight **12.05am** Other Side of Midnight **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Samantha Meah, Sean Bolger **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **7.00** Maurice Dee, Carol McGiffen **10.00** Caesar **1.00am** Al Kelly

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.00am** News **5.30** Europe (**MW only**: Off the Shelf **5.45** Did You Know?) **6.00** News **6.30** Anything Goes (**MW only**: Europe) **7.00** News **7.15** Fake **7.30** UN **8.00** News **8.15** Development '95 **8.30** Heritage **9.00** News (**MW only**: News in German) **9.10** Words of Faith (**MW only**: News in German) **9.15** Ice-Cream Sundae **10.00** News and Business **10.15** Anything Goes **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **Noon** News **12.30am** Omnibus **1.00** News and Business (**MW only**: News in German) **1.15** Britain **1.30** Music **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** John Peel **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Global Concerns (**MW only**: News in German) **4.45** Gospel (**MW only**: News in German) **5.00** News **5.15** Ice-Cream Sundae **6.00** News and Business **6.15** Telltale Tunes **6.30** World Today (**MW only**. News in German) **6.45** Sport (**MW only**: News in German) **7.00** News **7.30** Omnibus **8.00** News **9.00** Europe **9.30** Outlook **9.55** Words of Faith **10.00** News and Business **10.15** Britain **10.30** Multitrack **11.00** News **11.30** World Today **11.45** Development **Midnight** News **12.05am** Topical Report **12.15** John Dunn **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **1.30** Folk **1.45** Britain **2.00** News and Press **2.15** Beethoven **2.45** Health **3.00** News **3.30** Let's Do The Show Right Here **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** John Peel

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** A-Z of Classical Music **8.00** Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nick Abbot **7.30** Paul Coyte **11.00** Janey Lee Grace **2.00-6.00am** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Luther and music

6.55 Weather **7.00 On Air**: Rimsky-Korsakov (Overture: May Night); **7.25** Jonathan Harvey (Virgo virginum: This morning in the sweet month of May); **7.30** Strauss (Violin Sonata in E flat, Op 18); **8.05** Benjamin Frankel (Overture: May Day); **8.22** Handel Handbook: Handel Violin Sonata in D minor (HWV 359a); **8.45** Schubert (Fantasy in C, D760, Wanderer)

9.00 Composers of the Week: Max Steiner; Franz Waxman

10.00 Musical Encounters: Berlioz (Overture: Benvenuto Cellini); **10.10** Britten (Rejoice in the Lamb); **10.45** Fauré (Preludes: in D flat, Op 103 No 1; in C sharp minor, Op 103 No 2); **10.50** Bach (Cantata No 28; Gottlob! nun geht das Jahr zu Ende); **11.30** Mozart (Symphony No 40 in G minor)

12.00 The Highest Form of Art: The American musical (r)

12.55pm The Afternoon on Three, incl at **1.00** Schubert (Waldesnacht; Die Einsiedelei; Der Einsame; Freiwilliges Versinken; Gruppe aus dem Tartarus; Wandrers Nachtlied; Die Sterne). Mahler (Des Antonius von Padua Fischpredigt; Velor'ne Müh; Wo die schönen Trompeten blasen; Wer hat dies Liedlein erdacht? (r)

2.00 Schools: Lifeskills **2.15** Storybox **2.25** Let's Move **2.45** First Steps in Drama

3.00 The BBC Orchestras: Miaskovsky (Symphony No 13); Sibelius (The Dryad; Pan and Echo; Valse triste)

3.45 Music for Organ: Christopher Herrick performs Bach (Fantasia in G); Karg-Elert (Improvisation on "Nearer My God to Thee"; Reubke (Sonata in C minor on the 94th Psalm)

4.30 Sinatra's Jazz: See Choice

5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson meets music therapist Angela Fenwick **5.15 In Tune**, with Natalie Wheen. Including Vivaldi (Concerto in C for strings); **6.03** Chopin (Nocturne in B, Op 62 No 1); **6.30** Saint-Saëns (Piano Concerto No 1 in D)

7.30 Fauré and the French Connection Debussy (Violin Sonata in G minor); Fauré (Andante in B flat, Op 75, Romance in B flat, Op 28); Ravel (Violin Sonata in G); Fauré (Violin Sonata in A, Op 13); Ravel (Tzigane) **9.10 Listening in the Dark**: Why the cinema cannot work without music (r)

9.35 The Italian Connection: Verdi (Overture: La forza del destino); Nono (Canti di vita e d'amore — sul ponte di Hiroshima); Brusa (La triade); Respighi (Trittico Botticelliano)

10.45 Mixing It

11.30-12.30am Ensemble: Mozart (Piano Sonata in E flat); Schoenberg (Three Pieces, Op 11); Debussy (Les terrasses des audiences; Ondine; Général Lavine — eccentric (Préludes Bkll); Liszt (Variations on "Weinen, Klagen, Sorgen, Zagen") **1.00-2.00 Night School**: Letterbox **1.20** Singing Together

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day, with Rabbi Professor Dan Cohn-Sherbok **6.30** Today incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40 Charismatics**: Enoch Powell nominates the poet and man who taught him Latin at Cambridge, A.E. Housman **8.58 Weather**

9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week: With Melvyn Bragg, David Lodge and Paul Davies

10.00-10.30 News; Dear Diary (FM only): Excerpts from poets' diaries

10.00 Daily Service (LW only)

10.15 From Plato to the Present (LW only): Plato

10.30 Woman's Hour: Lynette Lithgow meets the actress Stella Gonet. *An Awfully Big Adventure* (6/8)

11.00 News 11.30 Money Box Live: (0171) 580 4444

12.00pm; News; You and Yours, with Daire Brehan

12.25 The Word of Mouth Dictation 95: The Final. **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping

2.00 News; The Life Class by Harry Quinn and Colin Douglas. Heather and Fraser's first meeting outside school takes place in the outpatients clinic of their local hospital. Directed by Hamish Wilson (r)

3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift With Laurie Taylor and guests **4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope**: Lynne Walker considers The Beatles's continued popularity and listens to the first part of the radio play *Führer*

4.45 Short Story: May Day, by Melissa Murray. Read by Natasha Pine **5.00 PM 5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 The News Quiz

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 The Food Programme: Presented by Derek Cooper

7.45 The Monday Play: Führer Hitler. See Choice

9.45 Me and Prison: The writer Daphne Glazer reflects on a fascination with prison life kindled by her father's experiences as a conscientious objector **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig

10.45 Book at Bedtime: A Child Possessed by R.C. Hutchinson. Read by Geoffrey Beevers. 11: Genie has fallen ill and Helene has returned from France to help to nurse her

11.00 Journeys to Imaginary Places (FM only): Frank Delaney goes in search of real places made imaginary by French writers. 3: *Written on Blue Paper*, Colette (r)

11.00-11.30 Education Matters (LW only)

11.30 Bolt (FM only): *Nemesis for Two* is the final instalment of a five-part dramatisation of the Dick Francis thriller set in the worlds of horse racing and arms dealing. (r)

11.30 Today in Parliament (LW only)

12.00-12.45am News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.45** As World Service (LW)

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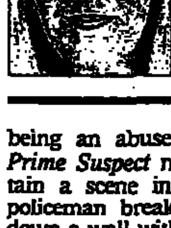
Some mothers don't have them, after all

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

A worrying moment in last night's **Prime Suspect** (ITV). Helen Mirren prowls alone, in the dark, at the scene of the crime, hoping to spot something she's missed. The case is a baby abduction, and Mirren is just rearranging fluffy toys in an empty cot when the phone rings. She answers, but the caller hangs up without speaking. Mirren puts down the receiver and bites her lip. And meanwhile the country yells, "Use the BT call-back facility! Haven't you seen the adverts? Dial 1471!"

You have to admit it was an odd lapse. In the normal run of things Detective Superintendent Jane Tennison is so thorough, rapidly distributing those cover-all duties in the incident room, along the lines of, "I want cheese, I want pickle, and I want all known associates of the cheese going back ten years, house to house on the pickle, where did cheese and pickle meet, check the statements again, what about Dairylea. . ."

But the trouble is, Tennison knows nothing about BT adverts (or sandwich fillings, either) because her personal life has dwindled badly again. In fact, there is now nothing left. In the original *Prime Suspect*, she rustled a packet of crisps; she also smoked fags, drank in a pub and had sex with a live-in lover. Chocolate cake got smeared on her blouse. In *Prime Suspect 2*, she chewed Nicorettes and had sex with a colleague at an hotel. In *Prime Suspect 3*, she got joylessly pregnant by a married old flame. But now? Well, no crisps, cake, minibar, nothing. Nowadays Tennison's body is just something she uses to fill a grey, tailored suit.

Loneliness and self-neglect were of course central to the theme of *last night's story by Paul Billing*, in which Tennison's grimly efficient abortion ("When can I get back to work?") led straight to the case of the lost baby. The other women in the case — the mother, the prime suspect's girlfriend — kept explaining, "When you live on your own," and were always crucially interrupted, but in the end, the case was not about paedophile kidnaps, but about the strain of coping with children by yourself. This mother had killed her own baby. The truth finally revealed, Mirren went home and sat in the dark, in silence, on her own. And you knew precisely what she was thinking.

Yes. Gone, gone, and never called me mother. The personal and the professional are always inter-mixed in these superior police stories. Last night Tennison felt sore, but it was also the turn of Big Tony Muddyman (Jack Ellis) to go haywire, stealing sensitive evidence, rigging statements and duffing up the paedophile prisoner on account of being an abused child himself. *Prime Suspect* must always contain a scene in which a gritty policeman breaks down (sliding down a wall with head in hands) while Tennison, horrified, comforts him. It is a sine qua non. There must also be a scene in which Tennison realises that her investigation has been scuppered by some cocky underling acting off his own bat.

As usual, the writing, directing and acting were superb, despite the general downgrading of the cast from the days of Tom Bell and Zoë Wanamaker. The guilt or innocence of the cornered prime suspect Chris (Robert Glenister) simply resolved itself in the viewer's mind as his plight grew worse. Holed up in a domestic siege with his girlfriend and her little girls, bleeding from the face and clutching his broken ribs, he yelled down the phone to Tennison, "Why is this happening?", and by then you understood his outrage.

Meanwhile, scenes changed to loud roars of traffic, or deafening hub-bub of phones. Shiny Rovers swung importantly into Southampton Row pursued by badly-dressed journalists holding tape-recorders to windows (as they do). The *M1* was a red herring, as it turned out, but at least Mirren got a trip to Derbyshire, to visit the child's absentee father in the dales. "You don't approve of women who take their careers seriously?" Mirren asked him. "Not if it makes them selfish," he declared. Mm. Looking back, this may have been the key moment.

So much for *Prime Suspect*, which worked surprisingly well in the two-hour format. Other than that, it was a so-so weekend. **Hitler's Death: the Final Report** (BBC 1) last night promoted the cock-up theory of history — suggesting that the official Soviet hush surrounding the removal of Hitler's corpse from the Berlin bunker had more to do with incompetence than anything more sophisticated, such as disinformation. Transporting the charred remains of Hitler and Eva Braun, Smersh agents buried them nightly in woods, and woke one morning to find that another Russian unit had dug them up. If only the full details of this operation had been available earlier, Perry and Croft could have written a sit-com about it.

Not that the stupidity of blokes in uniforms is always funny, but allow me to recommend **Father Ted** on Channel 4, which is packed with dim clergy jokes yet is somehow fresh and hilarious. This new Friday night series about three Irish priests on a remote island has much to commend it, not least the authentically disheartening decor of the house, and the tackiness of the religious icons. The wallpaper alone deserves an award. But the main thing is the friendship between the eponymous Ted (Dermot Morgan) and his cheerfully fist-headed sidekick Father Dougal (Ardal O'Hanlon). "Who'd have thought that being hit by lightning could land you in hospital!" mused Dougal on Friday. And you knew at once that he'd been hit all his life, and never felt the worse.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (75848)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (10296197)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (1554623)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7468130) **10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days** (r). (Ceefax) (1610062)

10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (s) (4314826)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9185994) **12.05 Pebble Mill**. A week of shows commemorating VE-Day. Today, Alan Titchmarsh reminisces with Dame Vera Lynn (s) (5266791) **12.50 Regional News** and weather (15600246)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (82246) **1.30 Neighbours**. (Ceefax) (s) (93452492)

1.50 Going for Gold. General knowledge quiz with European contestants. The question-master is the dapper Henry Kelly (s) (85357028) **2.15 Knots Landing**. American drama (s) (9779371) **3.05 Today's Gourmet**. Jacques Pepin prepares a savoury mélange (s) (6524062)

3.30 Cartoon (5414062) **3.45 Fieval's American Tails** (r) (s) (1452333) **4.05 Peter Pan and the Pirates** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3343159) **4.30 The Movie Game**. (Ceefax) (s) (1228604) **4.55 Newsround** (7503555) **5.05 Blue Peter**. Includes a visit to the Imperial War Museum. (Ceefax) (s) (1968284)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (424772)

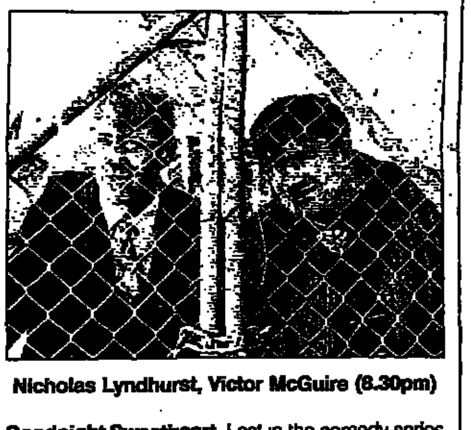
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (65)

6.30 Regional news magazines (17)

7.00 That's Showbusiness. Entertainment quiz chaired by Mike Smith. The guests include Shobu Kapoor, Nigel Havers and Keith Barron. (Ceefax) (s) (8710)

7.30 Watchdog. A summer special edition of the consumer affairs series. (Ceefax) (s) (71)

8.00 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (4130)



Nicholas Lyndhurst, Victor McGuire (8.30pm)

8.30 Goodnight Sweetheart. Last in the comedy series starring Nicholas Lyndhurst. (Ceefax) (s) (3265)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4975)

9.30 Party Election Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats. (Ceefax) (s) (863771)

9.35 Panorama. Topical investigations. (Ceefax) (218468)

10.15 FILM: Married for Murder (1991) starring Arliss Howard and Treat Williams. Thriller about a man who kills his lover's husband for the insurance money and then looks for a wife in order to do the same. Directed by Yves Simoneau. (Ceefax) (253062)

11.50 Film 95 with Barry Norman. Among the films reviewed are *ID*, *Little Odessa*, *The Steal* and *Clerks*. (Ceefax) (s) (229159)

12.20am FILM: Brothers in Arms (1990) starring Richard Berry and Patrick Bruel. Thriller about an Arab in the French secret service who teams up with a Jewish vice squad policeman in order to smash a terrorist drugs ring. Directed by Alexandre Arcady (s) (647821) **2.00 Weather** (2430937)

BBC2

6.20 Open University: Oceanography — Jamaica and the Sea (7494826) **6.45** Women, Children and Work (8045826) **7.35** Languages for Learning (1181555)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (7542062)

8.15 Westminster On-Line with Sarah Baxter (s) (3338884)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. PLus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (1638468) **1.45** Words and Pictures (95766081) **2.00** Noddy (85465517)

2.15 FILM: Mirrors (1985) starring Timothy Daly and Marguerite Hickey. A talented young dancer from the Midwest arrives in New York and wins a chorus line job. Her boyfriend arrives on the scene and is unhappy with her new friends. Soon she is having to choose between romance and her career. Directed by Harry Winer. Includes **News**, regional news and weather at **3.00** (670772) **3.55 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3358081)

4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (30)

4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook. Innovative recipes (2)

5.00 Esther. Studio discussion series chaired by Esther Rantzen (s) (3888)

5.30 Catchword. Paul Coia's word game show (s) (94)

6.00 FILM: In Which We Serve (1942, b/w) starring Noël Coward, John Mills and Bernard Miles. Second World War drama about the exploits and heroics of the crew of a Royal Navy ship. Directed by David Lean and Noël Coward. (Ceefax) (63774536)

7.50 The Enemy Within. (Ceefax) (s) (242791)

8.10 The Talking Cure. Shahnaz Pakravan examines face-to-face therapy which, it is claimed, helps to cure mental illness, from stress to depression. (Ceefax) (s) (757130)

Martin Kemp, Charles Martin Smith (9.00pm)

9.00 Outer Limits: Blood Brothers. (Ceefax) (s) (542710)

9.45 Minders: Acute Face. The third of a six-part series based on the casebook of a south London community psychiatric team. (Ceefax) (s) (204130)

10.30 Party Election Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats. (Ceefax) (s) (539888)

10.35 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (509517)

11.20 Prozac Diary (s) (470791)

12.00 Weather (8434111)

12.05am Psychology in Action. The work of a senior psychologist at Hull prison (6868598)

12.30 Design Principles and Practice (5366314)

1.20 The Record. The day in Parliament presented by Sally Hardcastle (s) (2488579). Ends at **1.50**

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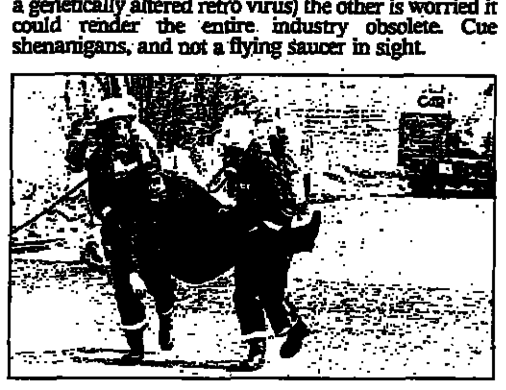
CHOICE

Outer Limits

BBC2, 9.00pm

They still control the horizontal. And the vertical. And the phials of unidentified substances, which are looking threatening in the lab. But there the similarity with the original *Outer Limits* ends. For a start, we can now witness the sofa-gripping action in full colour. The stories are peppered with up-to-date talk of steroids and computer chips, which means they inevitably lose the kitsch of 1960s science-fiction. But they are good-looking and watchable. In the opener, two warring brothers (played by Martin Kemp and Charles Martin Smith) struggle for the control of their father's pharmaceuticals company. When one brother discovers a wonder drug (in *Outer Limits* speak, that is a genetically altered retro virus) the other is worried it could render the entire industry obsolete. Cue shenanigans, and not a flying saucer in sight.



Trouble on Britain's motorways (C4, 9.30pm)

Undercover Britain: Running Bent

Channel 4, 9.30pm

More than 90 per cent of dangerous toxic chemicals are transported by road, and serious accidents are becoming more frequent as large companies contract out transport to middlemen. They operate a hire and reward system which is creating pressure on drivers, who often have to "run bent" to fulfil a contract. Tonight, Graham Hall hits the road to discover the tricks of the trade. He meets John Challis, whose son was killed by a lorry carrying organic acid. The accident was dealt with by two ambulances and three fire crews. It later transpired that the lorry driver had been moonlighting, and just completed a long shift at a local factory. Equipped with surveillance cameras, Hall uncovers a world of untrained drivers, fixed tachographs and deficient vehicles, where profit always wins over safety.

States of Mind: The Enemy Within

BBC2, 7.50pm

Actor and businessman Adam Faith talks about 20 years he lost as a result of a car accident in the series in which celebrities talk to Professor Anthony Clare about their past mental problems. Although he made a total physical recovery from the accident, Faith experienced post-traumatic stress, which left him with anxiety so severe that he stopped acting. No one suggested he sought help; something he now puts down to typical British reserve. "I think it took me ten years to actually reach the top of the hill," says Faith, "and another ten years to get back to where I was before the accident. It's taken 20 years out of my life."

Prozac Diary

BBC2, 11.20pm

How correct is the Freudian theory that artists create because they are emotionally disturbed? Continuing the States of Mind season, screened to mark Mental Health Week at the end of April, is this investigation into the Muses. Film-maker and clinical psychologist Oliver James follows four artists — novelists Michael Bracewell and Alice Thomas Ellis, poet Alan Jenkins and musician Bernard Sumner — and assesses how the anti-depressant Prozac affects their work. Does the drug remove the compulsion to create? What makes an artist function, and is the impulse rooted too deeply to be altered by simple medication? **Richard Johnson**

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (4936826)

9.25 NEW **Win, Lose or Draw**. Game show presented by Bob Mills (8880352)

9.55 London Today (Teletext) and weather (1615517)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (5294352)

10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine series (86338604) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9181178)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7868536)

12.55 Home and Away. (Teletext) (7876555) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r). (Teletext) (16577791)

1.55 A Country Practice. Australian medical drama (s) (98402997) **2.20 Blue Heelers**. Rural Australian police drama (7931062)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (7129951) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8579492)

3.30 Rainbow (s) (5425178) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (5733915) **3.50 Scooby Doo** (1468994) **4.15 Hurricanes** (r). (Teletext) (s) (2181246) **4.40 Terror Towers**. (Teletext) (s) (4280994)

5.10 After 5 with Lorraine Kelly. Includes a song from Neil Sedaka. (Teletext) (1952623)

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (798994)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' video soapbox (602604)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (33)

6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (3)

7.00 Through the Keyhole Classic Quiz with David Frost and Loyd Grossman (s) (9998)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (7)

8.00 Lucky Numbers. Game show (9826)

8.30 World in Action: Friends in High Places. An investigation into links between British Airways and important MPs. (Teletext) (s) (8333)

Nick Dunn gets the Ken Boon eye (9.00pm)

9.00 Boon. Ken and Harry pose as free-spending conference organisers in order to prove the innocence of a former head of security at a leading hotel. The last episode made for the 1992 series, but never shown. (Teletext) (5197)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (41361)

10.30 Party Election Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats (559642)

10.35 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (262604)

10.45 Sport in Question. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves's guests are Neil Midgely, Barry Hearn and Jeff Powell (s) (191081)

11.45 Magnum. Private detective drama (121623)

12.50am Endsleigh League Extra (6580395)

***1.35 Sport AM** featuring motorcycling* (9965173)

2.30 Quiz Night. Pub and club competition (93531)

3.00 FILM: No Place for Jennifer (1950, b/w) starring Leo Genn, Rosamund John and Beatrice Campbell. A tug-of-love drama about a 12-year-old girl and her divorced parents who continue to fight each other for custody, even though they both remarry. Directed by Henry Cass (19753)

4.30 The Chrystal Rose Show (r) (s) (10053821)

4.55 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (1097685)

5.30 ITN Morning News (38444). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Spiff and Hercules (7797371)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (92587)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (23468)

9.30 FILM: The Rains Came (1939, b/w) starring Myrna Loy, Tyrone Power and George Brent. India-based melodrama about a married socialite who falls in love with a local doctor. Directed by Clarence Brown (97171130)

11.25 Profiles Of Nature: Bluebirds (r) (7977913)

11.50 Cool As a Cucumber. An animated tale of a hapless gangster (4714361)

12.00 Right To Reply (r). (Teletext) (s) (91884)

12.30 Sesame Street. The guests are Mel Gibson and Lea Salonga (r) (89265) **1.30 Mr Men** followed by **Paddington, The Wombles** and **Further Tales of the Riverbank** (r) (51739)

2.00 Family Fortunes. An *Equinox* documentary illustrating how a child's development is affected by the kind of family in which they are raised (r). (Teletext) (57062)

3.00 The Late Late Show with Gay Byrne (s) (6361975)

3.55 Garden Club. The Isles of Scilly (r) (5789739)

4.30 Fifteen To One. (Teletext) (s) (10)

5.00 Golden Girls. More comedy from the Miami matrons (r) (s) (1284)

5.30 Nurses. Black comedy series set in a Florida hospital (r) (s) (62)

6.00 The Cosby Show (r) (75)

6.30 Hangin' With Mr Cooper. College comedy series (s) (5)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (540536) **7.50 Loved Ones**. A personal tribute to a person who died during the Second World War (500352)

8.00 The Pitcher. A *Short Stories* profile of Mick Gill Carson, who claims to sell the cheapest merchandise in the country (r) (7468)

8.30 Home Improvement. American comedy series (s) (6975)

9.00 Deadline. Last in the series going behind the scenes of Yorkshire Television's local news programme *Calendar* (s) (3523)

9.30 Undercover Britain: Running Bent (32604)

On the beat in New York City (10.00pm)

10.00 NYPD Blue. New York police drama series. (Teletext) (s) (6826). Followed by **Loved Ones**

11.00 In a Time Of Hope — Ordinary People. The final programme of the series celebrating the first anniversary of South Africa's first multiracial elections takes a look at crime and punishment (127772). Followed by **Loved Ones**

12.05am FILM: Hidden City (1988) starring Cassie Stuart and Charles Dance. A *Film on Four* thriller about a film librarian and a lecturer who uncover a sinister secret of London's past. Written and directed by Stephen Poliakoff (902260)

2.05 FILM: If You Could Only Cook (1936, b/w) starring Herbert Marshall and Jean Arthur. A comedy about a couple working as cook and butler to a gangster. With Leo Carillo and Lionel Stander. Directed by William Seiter (1706647). Ends at **3.20**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (1615517) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (9181178) **12.55** Coronation Street (7876555) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (16577791) **2.20** Look and Cook (20849739) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (2092197) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (8579492) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1952623) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (674772) **10.35-10.45** Anglia News (262604) **11.45** England's Rugby World Cup Dream (144913) **12.15am** Endsleigh League Extra (3560043) **1.00** Prelude to Fame (874289) **2.35** Sport AM (4892666) **3.30** ITV Sport Classics (17111) **4.00** The Time . . . the Place (3206956) **4.35** Yan Can Cook (10052192) **5.00** Wanted Dead or Alive (66686)

CENTRAL

As London except: 2.20 Yan Can Cook (20849739) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (2092197) **3.25-3.30** Central News (8579492) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1952623) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (674772) **10.35-10.45** Central News and Weather (262604) **11.45** The Monday Night Fight (121623) **4.30am** Jobfinder (6826227) **5.20** Asian Eye (6484173)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (7876555) **1.25** Home and Away (51006178) **1.50** Murder, She Wrote (3612352) **2.45-3.20** Dining in France (8774536) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1952623) **6.25** Granada Tonight (674772) **7.00-7.30** Through the Keyhole Classic Quiz (9998) **10.30** Party Election Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats (559642) **10.45** The Motor Show (115401) **11.15** Sport in Question (198994) **12.15am** Coach (8395482) **12.50** Endsleigh League Extra (6580395) **1.35** Sport AM (9965173) **2.30** Quiz Night (93531) **3.00** No Place for Jennifer (19753) **4.30** Jobfinder (10053821) **4.55** The Time . . . the Place (1097685)

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (7876555) **1.25** Home and Away (16577791) **1.55** Gardening Calendar (59507343) **2.25-3.20** Highway to Heaven (8051975) **5.10-5.40** Yan Can Cook (1952623) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (3) **11.45** Spotlight (144913) **12.15am** The Powers That Be (8395482) **4.30** Jobfinder (10053821)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 1.55-2.25 Baby Talk (59507343) **5.10-5.40** The 1995 Welsh Fashion Awards (1952623) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (3) **11.45** Celtic Weave (144913)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (7876555) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (16577791) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (7931062) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1952623) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (33) **6.30-7.00** Wild About Essex (3) **11.45** The Powers That Be (144913) **12.15am** Endsleigh League Extra (3560043) **1.00** Prelude to Fame (874289) **2.35** Sport AM (4892669) **3.30** ITV Sport Classics (17111) **4.00** The Time.. the Place (3206956) **4.35** Yan Can Cook (10052192) **5.00** Freescreen (66686)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (7876555) **1.25** Home and Away (16577791) **1.55** Gardeners' Diary (59507343) **2.25** The Young Doctors (20831710) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1952623) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (39517) **10.35-10.45** Westcountry News; Weather (262604) **11.45** Donahue (121623) **4.30am** Jobfinder (10053821)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (7876555) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (16577791) **2.20** Wish You Were Here...? (20649739) **2.50** Help Yourself (2809081) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (6777642) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1952623) **5.55** Calendar (994913) **6.30-7.00** To the Unknown Mountain (3) **10.45** Rock of the North (191061) **11.45** Prisoner Cell Block H (844352) **12.40am** Sport in Question (3539005) **1.40** Samson and the Mighty Challenge (411869) **3.25** The New Music (2010840) **4.25** Jobfinder (8388734)

S4C

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (92587) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (23468) **9.30** The Rains Came (97171130) **11.25** Profiles Of Nature. Bluebird (7977913) **11.50** Cool As A Cucumber (4714361) **12.00pm** Right To Reply (91884) **12.30** The Magic Roundabout (52468) **1.00** Slot Meithrin (42084) **1.30** Nightmail (32957064) **1.55** Those British Faces (82057623) **2.00** The Green Man (146130) **3.55** Garden Club: The Isles of Scilly (5789739) **4.30** Quads In (5492826) **4.45** Rocko's Modern Life (5480081) **5.00** 5 Pump (9714710) **5.10** 5 Pump (8503449) **5.30** Fifteen To One (62) **6.00** Newyddion (339246) **6.15** Heno (304401) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (1420) **7.30** Taro Naw **8.00** Teulu'r Tir (7468) **8.30** Darllediad Etholiadol (822371) **8.35** Newyddion (283333) **9.05** NYPD Blue (190371) **10.00** Sgorio (6826) **11.00** Darkness Before Dawn (699975) **12.45am** Air-conditioned Eden (57173)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat Show: Amigo and Friends (4797791) **6.05** Mrs Pepperpot (4796062) **6.10** Dynamo Duck (8628371) **6.30** Dennis (92159) **7.00** Inspector Gadget (36081) **7.30** Orson and Olivia (22888) **8.00** Power Rangers (44975) **8.30** Blockbusters (43246) **9.00** Oprah Winfrey (84265) **10.00** Concentration (15739) **10.30** Card Sharks (56710) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (31536) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (47062) **12.30pm** Anything But Love (96826) **1.00** The Waltons (84081) **2.00** Matlock (17468) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey (4165913) **3.50** DJ Kat Show (2117807) **3.55** Orson and Olivia (1643212) **4.30** Power Rangers (1178) **5.00** Deep Space Nine (3807) **6.00** Spellbound (5371) **6.30** Family Ties (6623) **7.00** Rescue (4536) **7.30** M*A*S*H (2807) **8.00** Hawkeye (21536) **9.00** Civil Wars (19212) **10.00** Deep Space Nine (11159) **11.00** David Letterman (765246) **11.50** The Untouchables (369246) **12.45am** Chances (7714686) **1.30** WKRP (85717) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.

6.00am Sunrise (2730772) **9.30** The Trial of O.J. Simpson (5962130) **10.10** CBS 60 Minutes (1503130) **11.00** World News and Business (870604) **1.30pm** CBS News This Morning (20197) **2.30** Parliament Live (57623) **4.00** World News and Business (96352) **5.00** Live at Five (8800265) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (5368975) **7.30** The O.J. Simpson Trial (9987994) **12.30am** CBS News (6463005) **1.10** Richard Littlejohn Replay (8768111) **2.30** Parliament Replay (7605668) **3.10** 60 Minutes (5784734) **4.30** CBS Evening News (17956) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (89192)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (5448474) **10.00 Radio Flyer** (1992) (80642) **12.00 Evil Under the Sun** (1981) (14371) **2.00pm The Sea Wolves** (1980) (35739) **4.00 Mountain Family Robinson** (1979) (8739) **6.00 Radio Flyer** (1992). As 10am (15975) **8.00 In the Line of Duty: Kidnapped** (1994)(10420) **10.00 Out for Justice** (1991) (801623) **11.35 Benny and Joon** (1993) (100791) **1.15am Afterburn** (1993) (313753) **2.55 Sworn to Vengeance** (1993) (4279868) **4.25-6.00 Mountain Family Robinson** (1979) As 4pm (159579)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

2.00pm Showcase (91333) **4.00 Bachelor Knight** (1947) (3081) **6.00 The Paper Chase** (1973) (11197) **8.00 National Lampoon's European Vacation** (1985) (16642) **10.00 Hellraiser** (1987) (895505) **11.35-2.00am The Man Who Loved Women** (1977) (30886371)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Star of Midnight (1935) (48623) **8.00 The Phantom of the Opera** (1987) (25159) **9.00 Swiss Family Robinson** (77975) **10.00 The Caddy** (1953) (96284) **12.00 Tarzan and the Jungle Boy** (1968) Tarzan (12913) **2.00pm Sons of the Musketeers** (1952) (26081) **4.00 The Phantom of the Opera** (1987): As 8am (81420) **5.00 Swiss Family Robinson**: As 9am (6758159) **5.55 Guinevere** (1993) (21132826) **7.30 UK Top Ten** (5517) **8.00 A League of Their Own** (1992) (73626468) **10.10 The Assassin** (1993) (558994) **12.00 Gladiator** (1992) (806005) **1.45am The Cemetery Club** (1993) (298078) **3.30 Movers and Shakers** (1985) (9970550) **4.50-5.50 Kidnapped** (5095043)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Max Out (81555) **7.30** Yachting (20062) **8.30** Gillette World Sport Special (78517) **9.00** High Five (92197) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (10081) **10.00** Ford Scorpio Golf USA (423710) **12.30pm** Cricket Highlights (55623) **2.00** Super Sunday: West Ham v Blackburn (53284) **3.00** ATP Tennis (10888) **5.00** WWF Mania (2333) **6.00** Soccer News (400333) **6.15** Fish Tales (405888) **6.30** Ryder Cup Countdown (2449) **7.00** Monday Night Football, Live: Coventry City v Manchester Utd (14233536) **10.45** Soccer News (460284) **11.00** International Cricket highlights (92913) **12.30am-2.30** Monday Night Football (59208)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Golf (15130) **8.30** Adventure (83265) **9.30** Ice Hockey (74081) **11.30** Formula One (36333) **1.00pm** Live Cycling (25536) **2.30** Live Ice Hockey (62401) **4.30** Live Ice Hockey (84994) **5.30** Formula One (84604) **6.30** News (7517) **7.00** Speedworld (63159) **9.00** Football (40197) **10.30** Boxing (84130) **11.30** Eurogolf Magazine (29536) **12.30-1.00am** News (90734)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (1481062) **8.30** Peyton Place (1480333) **9.00** As the World Turns (9095517) **10.00** Guiding Light (8964536) **11.00-12.00** Another World (8965265)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Video Trips (1491449) **12.30pm** Boomerang (4622197) **1.00** The Great Escape (8955888) **1.30** The Spice of Life (4621468) **2.00** Australian Panorama (7109888) **2.30** Europe (9286159) **3.00** Venice (7111623) **3.30** Eilat (9281604) **4.00** Travel Guide (9200739) **4.30** Boomerang (9299623) **5.00** Trailside (7123468) **5.30** The Spice of Life (9280975) **6.00** Europe (9287888) **6.30** American Vacation (5761517) **7.30** Australian Panorama (8290352) **8.00** Around the World (7112352) **8.30** Travel Guide (7108159) **9.00** Globetrotter (1152739) **9.30** American Vacation (3730888) **10.30** Trailside (1401826) **11.00** American Trail (1157284) **11.30-12.00** Cruising the Globe (8560062)

A classic from Morgan (Discovery, 10.00pm)

TLC

9.00am Joy of Painting (7150401) **9.30** Simply Delicious (7477246) **10.00** Running Repairs (6342178) **10.30** Frontiers (7189913) **11.00** Only Human (7315064) **12.00** Magic or Medicine? (7490197) **1.00pm** Simply Delicious (7010212) **1.30** Joy of Painting (7470333) **2.00** Jimmy's (8881159) **2.30** He's My Brother (5663555) **3.00** Television Garden (8893994) **3.30-4.00** Running Repairs (5635772)

UK GOLD

7.00am Give Us a Clue (4721619) **7.30** Neighbours (1810474) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7179536) **8.30** EastEnders (7178807) **9.00** The Bill (7169159) **9.30** Paul Temple (9138604) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (85895420) **11.35** Going for Gold (12061975) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7172623) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7473420) **1.00** EastEnders (5210230) **1.30** The Bill (7472791) **2.00** Spring and Autumn (8883517) **2.30** My Wife Next Door (5665913) **3.00** Knots Landing (3678536) **4.00** Dallas (3680871) **5.00** Going for Gold (34775178) **5.25** XYZ (34787913) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (1896130) **6.30** EastEnders (5657994) **7.00** Secret Army (2800623) **8.00** Laugh, I Nearly Paid My Licence (8896081) **8.30** Naked Video (8882888) **9.00** A Sense of Guilt (2806807) **10.00** The Bill (7173352) **10.30** Top of the Pops (5649178) **11.20** Alas Smith and Jones (6080371) **12.00** Dr Who (9300579) **12.30am** FILM: The Barkleys of Broadway (1949) (9665918) **2.30-3.30** Shopping at Night (9104647)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (43468) **7.00** Sonic the Hedgehog (81130) **7.30** Creepy Crawlers (58165) **8.00** Degrassi Junior High (71552) **8.30** Super Mario Brothers (3409772) **8.45** Casper and Friends (3437555) **9.00** Sesame Street (57159) **10.00** Tiny TCC (67913) **12.00** Madeline (18159) **12.30pm** Tiny TCC (34791) **2.30** Barney and Friends (2888) **3.00** Dinobabies (2739) **3.30** Sonic the Hedgehog (7333) **4.00** California Dreams (6468) **4.30-5.00** Degrassi Junior High (6352)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Superted (89197) **7.30** Cartoon Specials (69604) **8.00** Turtles Gold (77888) **8.30** Rude Dog (76159) **9.00** Rugrats (90739) **9.30** Clarissa (18623) **10.00** Mighty Max (50197) **10.30** Carmen Sandiego? (89623) **11.00** Grimmy (32178) **11.30** Denver (33807) **12.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (70975) **12.30pm** Galaxy High School (29739) **1.00** Smoggies (88468) **1.30** Alvin (11710) **2.00** Carmen Sandiego? (7888) **2.30** Pete and Pete (1710) **3.00** Rude Dog (9623) **3.30** Turtles Gold (3555) **4.00** Mighty Max (2062) **4.30** Rugrats (8246) **5.00** Clarissa (1468) **5.30** Odyssey (2826) **6.00** Aaahh! Real Monsters (9739) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark?

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Global Family (5654807) **4.30** Cat Wars (5643791) **5.00** Fire (6805739) **5.30** Spirit of Survival (5667371) **6.00** Invention (9032343) **6.35** Beyond 2000 (3435371) **7.30** Future Quest (5644420) **8.00** The Astronomers (2817913) **9.00** The Nature of Things (2804449) **10.00** Classic Wheels (2807536) **11.00-12.00** Elite Fighting Forces (6880979)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM. The Amazing Colossal Man (1957) (1665994) **1.30pm** Death Valley Days (7474159) **2.00** The Avengers (6330333) **3.00** The Adventures of Robin Hood (6880420) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (5662826) **4.00** FILM: Muscle Beach Party (1964) (17739807) **5.45** Torchy the Battery Boy (6388642) **6.00** It's Garry Shandling's Show (5651710) **6.30** Man in a Suitcase (1555975) **7.30** Robin Hood (5648246) **8.00** The Avengers (2811739) **9.00** The New Avengers (2881975) **10.00** FILM: Revenge of the Nerds II: Nerds in Paradise (1987) (6783555) **11.45-12.00** Muffin the Mule (7032913)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (4189710) **7.00** Living (7771246) **9.00** On the House (4164710) **9.30** Kate and Allie (5516062) **10.05** Health UK (2486159) **10.35** Susan Powter (70255826) **11.00** Young and Restless (5272420) **11.55** The Simple Programme (89655401) **12.00** Kilroy (8514371) **12.55pm** Masterchef (1967401) **1.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (2453246) **2.00** Agony Hour (7362604) **3.00** Living Magazine (9703536) **4.00** Infatuation (2643420) **4.30** Crosswits (8988915) **5.05** The Joker's Wild (75877246) **5.30** Take Six Cooks (7689772) **6.05** Susan Powter (3340623) **6.30** Brookside (6545739) **7.05** Challenge Anneka (6240536) **8.00** Young and Restless (6231333) **8.55** The Simple Programme (7980975) **9.00** FILM: Two Kinds of Love (1983) (5843517) **11.00-12.00** Brookside (9783772) **11.30** Infatuation UK (7357159)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Dangermouse (7284) **5.30** Teen Win, Lose or Draw (6604) **6.00** My Two Dads (3517) **6.30** Catchphrase (7197) **7.00** Busman's Holiday (7420) **7.30** Road to Avonlea (55284) **8.30** Home to Roost (2975) **9.00** Sirens (73456) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (19888) **10.30** Dangermouse (28536) **11.00** Lou Grant (57438) **12.00** Zorro (77395) **12.30am** Evening Shade (32734) **1.00** Trivial Pursuit (47840) **1.30** Rhoda (80043) **2.00** Sirens (37604) **3.00** Lou Grant (50111) **4.00** Rhoda (36901) **4.30-5.00** Zorro

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wildside (91005) **6.30** The Grind (72894) **7.00** 3 from 1 (4963081) **7.15** Awake on the Wildside (5097197) **8.00** VJ Ingo (393265) **11.00** Soul (11371) **12.00** Greatest Hits (39130) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (55178) **2.00** 3 from 1 (52411130) **2.15** Afternoon Mix (4036994) **3.00** Cinematic (5544888) **3.15** Afternoon Mix (6480062) **4.00** MTV News (6578081) **4.15** Afternoon Mix (6568604) **4.30** Dial MTV (7710) **5.00** Hit List UK (24710) **7.00** Greatest Hits (73410) **8.00** Guns 'n' Roses Trilogy (87130) **9.00** Sale 'n' Sexy (67888) **9.30** Real World (47159) **10.00** MTV News (367420) **10.15** Cinematic (362975) **10.30** First Look (20994) **11.00** The End? (12791) **12.30am** The Grind (34192) **1.00** Soul (72173) **2.00** Night Videos (8024444)

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (8954159) **9.00** Café VH-1 (7957739) **12.00** The Bridge (4603062) **1.00pm** Ten of the Best (4612710) **2.00** Heart and Soul (8574265) **3.00** Into the Music (6955536) **6.00** VH-1-2-3 (4148265) **6.15** Prime Cuts (4136420) **6.30** VH-1 to 1 (9203826) **7.00** VH-1 for You (8768333) **8.00** VH-1 Album Chart (8788197) **10.00** The Bridge (8765604) **11.00** The Nightfly (9156739) **1.00am** Ten of the Best (6135550) **2.00-7.00** Dawn Patrol

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BUSINESS EDITOR LINDSAY COOK

Union may sue firms over cash for Tories

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

COMPANIES that give money to the Conservative Party face the prospect of a legal challenge to their donations from a key trade union.

The expected move by GMB, the general union, could pose a serious threat to business's political donations and to the Conservative Party's finances. Companies that will be examined by the union include Hanson and Taylor Woodrow. John Edmonds, the general-secretary of GMB, signalled the move yesterday after the Labour Party's weekend conference on changing *Clause Four*.

Conservative leaders, including Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, attacked Labour because of what they said was the union's extensive influence over the party.

Jeremy Hanley, the chairman of the Conservative Party, insisted yesterday that the bulk of the party's funding came from money raised by members, rather than corporate donations.

But Mr Edmonds said: "Our latest legal opinion is that these company donations may be unlawful."

On the basis of its advice, Mr Edmonds said that the union would now be examining a range of companies' articles to consider their legality and to find a number against which they can bring test cases over their political funding. After studying legal opinion drafted for it by the University of Bristol, the union believes it can bring an action that donations to the Conservative Party are *ultra vires* for companies on two potential grounds:

☐ Successful companies for whose business the Conservative Party has no particular policies. While a company involved in, say, providing personal pensions, might well be entitled by its articles to make donations to a political party such as the Conservatives, which have put in practice policies designed to increase the take-up of personal pensions, the union believes a company such as a supermarket chain might not be able to make donations because the Tories have no particular policy to promote supermarkets.

☐ Companies in industries that have recently been unsuccessful, but which still make donations to Conservative funds. GMB officials believe that such donations may be *ultra vires* since the Government's economic policies may have directly contributed to the companies' lack of success. The union thinks, for instance, that a number of construction companies fall into this category.

Part of the union's legal advice rests on a case brought in 1983 against the League Against Cruel Sports, whose donation to the Labour Party was ruled to be unlawful because although Labour at that time was broadly anti-hunting, it had then no specific policy against bloodsports.

Companies might draw satisfaction from the fact that the union did not eventually take legal action as it had threatened against the Government's opt-out from the social chapter of the Treaty of Maastricht.

But GMB officials emphasise that the union has successfully brought a number of important legal test cases on such issues as equal pay for equal value and is vigorous in pursuing action through the courts where appropriate.

ING to purge 20 Barings executives

By Eric Reguly

FAILURE to supervise the trading operations of Nick Leeson, the Baring Brothers futures trader whose high-risk bets brought down the bank in February, will cost about 20 Barings executives their jobs today.

ING, the Dutch financial services group that now controls Barings, will dismiss executives along the chain of command in London and Singapore, where Mr Leeson was based. It wants to clear the decks before its annual meeting on Wednesday in Amsterdam.

Mr Leeson's ultimate boss, Peter Norris, chief executive of Baring Securities, will be the most prominent dismissal. Mr Norris, who ran Baring's Hong Kong operations before taking the top securities job in 1993, has been shut out of management decisions since the bank's collapse. He was said to be on holiday yesterday.

Other departures are said to include Ron Baker and Mary Walz, who were directly responsible for Mr Leeson, and James Bax, a director in Singapore. Anthony Hawes, the former group treasurer, Ian Hopkins, a director of group treasury, and George Maclean, head of banking, also are thought to be on the list.

Contrary to press reports, Richard Katz, head of equity trading, will probably escape the purge.

Peter Baring, chairman, and Andrew Tuckey, deputy chairman, have resigned already.

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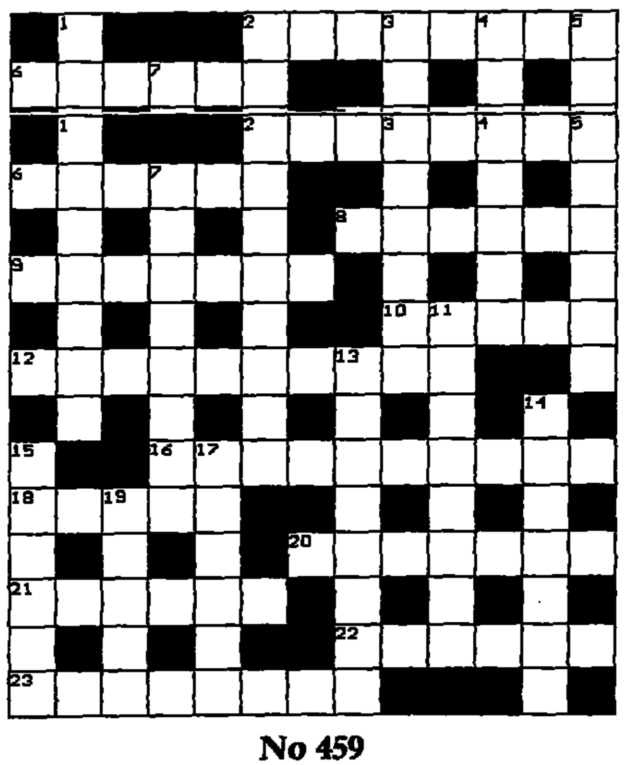

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- 8 OT child-sacrifice deity (6)
- 9 Shelf support (7)
- 10 Sacred song (5)
- 12 Complete success, purge (5,5)
- 16 Stimulated; covered in zinc (10)
- 18 Rage (5)
- 20 Breach (7)
- 21 Petrifying Greek monster (6)
- 22 Scale of charges; import duty (6)
- 23 Timetable; appendix (8)

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- 1 In a frightening way (7)
- 2 Switch of direction (8)
- 3 Band of entertainers (6)
- 4 Scent (5)
- 5 Disinter (6)
- 7 Having command (2,6)
- 11 Short-distance runner (8)
- 13 Weigh up (8)
- 14 Detach; run madly away (4,3)
- 15 Scottish sheep-offal dish (6)
- 17 Matthew –; – Bennett, writers (6)
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Riggers Colin Raby, left, and Vincent Rivenell install some of the 4,000 ft of red, white and blue tubular lighting on London's BT Tower in preparation for the VE Day celebrations. The tower lights will be switched on by the Queen at 9pm on Bank Holiday Monday, May 8.

Rising food prices signal rate increase

By Colin Narbrough

FOOD prices rose in the first quarter for the first time in two-and-a-half years, according to an authoritative survey whose findings could increase the pressure on Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to raise interest rates.

Mr Clarke and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, are widely expected in the City to sanction a half-point increase in base rates when they meet for their monthly monetary policy session on Friday.

The food price survey, published today by Verdict Research, shows that a basket of 40 core items tracked every quarter since September 1992 revealed what appears to be a fundamental shift of direction in the first quarter this year.

During the three-month period, Verdict found that the discount stores raised their prices by 0.9 per cent, while the superstores nudged their prices up by 0.1 per cent. Since the survey started in 1992, food prices at discount stores had fallen steadily until this year, dropping an overall 12 per cent, while mainstream superstores lowered their prices by 18 per cent in retaliation.

The survey indicates how vigorous the fightback by the superstores has been in their price war with the discounters. Special offers, cheaper product ranges and more competitively positioned goods have narrowed the price gap between the discounters and superstores to just 4 per cent in the first quarter this year, from 12 per cent in September 1992.

Verdict comments that the price increases registered in the first quarter might seem small, but represented the first of its quarterly surveys to show any price inflation across its basket of food items.

Coffee was responsible for the most spectacular price increases over the past year, rising 35 per cent on average. Sugar has gone up 14 per cent during the same period.

Verdict still sees the outlook for shoppers remaining positive, in spite of the sharp price increases, driven by crop failures, for products such as coffee and sugar.

"The general (price) trend beyond these products continues to be downward," the survey says.

The survey says that the first-quarter food price increases arose from a "lull in the fighting" between the discounters and superstores, which it expects to be rejoined as discounters seek to take advantage of the floor space they are adding.

City economists remain concerned, however, that the weaker pound will inevitably feed through into higher prices for food and other goods, especially on items imported from continental Europe.

Sharelink set for float bonanza

By Carl Mortished

SHARELINK, the execution-only dealing service that has received a takeover bid from Charles Schwab, the American discount broker, could be heading for a potential profits bonanza from future privatisations and the flotation of the merged Halifax and Leeds building societies.

ShareLink investors, who are being offered 235p-per-share by Schwab, will miss out on the benefits of the £9 billion Halifax float, which is scheduled for 1997, if the bid succeeds. ShareLink currently provides a share dealing service for Halifax's 13 million customers and is hoping to secure a large chunk of the surge of business when the merged Halifax/Leeds is launched on the market.

Substantial ShareLink investors, such as GT Management, with 10 per cent, fear that the price offered by Schwab, a 15p discount to ShareLink's flotation price only two years ago, does not reflect the potential of the business which has 600,000 customers and has, in the past, enjoyed a surge of business from big flotations.

The £4 billion sale of the National Grid, scheduled for this autumn, should provide a boost to execution-only dealing services, such as ShareLink, with millions of private shareholders in the regional electricity companies receiving free shares.

More important, in the longer term, will be the sale of the Halifax. A Halifax spokesman said that more than 10 million members could receive free shares. "We do have a dedicated relationship with ShareLink," he explained. "It's been with us for the past couple of years. There is no plan not to have that in place."

The Schwab bid for ShareLink comes after a poor period for the group in which profits collapsed from £6 million to forecasts of breakeven in the year to March.

Bank of England job fears

By Patricia Tehan, banking correspondent

THE Bank of England is considering the closure of its five regional branches, threatening the jobs of 266 staff.

An internal working party started a review of the branches at the end of last year, under Rupert Pennant-Rea, the deputy governor who resigned last month. The review has continued under the direction of Roy Lecky-Thompson, the new head of personnel brought in by Mr Pennant-Rea last December.

The working party is examining whether the cash distribution and regional economic intelligence roles the branches perform can be more cost-effectively carried out in other ways. It is due to decide if it will close some or all of the branches in two weeks, when the Bank's court of directors meets to discuss the options.

A Bank of England spokesman said: "We do review the functions of the branches every few years. A review of the branches has been going on."

The Bank employs 50 in its Leeds branch, 50 in Newcastle, 70 in Manchester, 56 in Birmingham and 40 in Bristol. The branches have been in place since the 1820s, carrying out some cheque clearing, distribution and re-sorting of bank notes and regional economic surveillance.

The review has caused MPs to become concerned. Tom Arnold, Conservative MP for Hazel Grove, Greater Manchester, and chairman of the all-party Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee, is believed to concerned. Jean Corston, Labour MP for Bristol East, has also begun to ask questions about the future of the branches.

Jim Lowe, assistant secretary at Bifu, the banking and finance union, said: "We are very concerned because we believe this is the Bank of England, not the Bank of London or the Bank of the City. The branches play an important role in the regional economies."

The Bank of England's review comes soon after the Bundesbank, the German central bank, cut its network of small branches. It is cutting 1,200 jobs from its branches over the next ten years, taking its branch network down from 180 to 120.

Cyril Stein has completely refurbished the club

Stein is back with the St James's Club

By Neil Bennett

CYRIL Stein, the founder and former chairman of Ladbroke, is back in business. Today he reopens the St James's Club in London, which he bought from Queens Moat Houses last year, after a £4 million refurbishment.

The club, near Buckingham Palace, has been completely overhauled and is intended to be one of the most sumptuous places to stay in central London. Mr Stein bought the club, mainly from his own savings, for £6 million. Part of the deal was financed by Mr Stein's friends, one of whom has taken a 20 per cent stake.

The club was built in 1892, originally for ladies. It was bought by Norfolk Capital, the hotel group, for £17.5 million in the late Eighties, before Norfolk was acquired by Queens Moat. Mr Stein has completely refurbished the interior, creating 60 bedrooms and suites. He aims to compete with the new crop of five-star hotels, such as the Lanesborough. The price of membership remains at its previous price of £300 a year.

Mr Stein was overseeing last-minute preparations at the club yesterday. He said: "We have taken the place to pieces and put it back together again. We have brought the exterior back to its original beauty and equipped the rooms ready for the 21st century." As well as being chairman of the holding company, Mr Stein has become chairman of the executive committee, which decides who is allowed membership. There is also an honorary committee, which is chaired by Sir John Mills.

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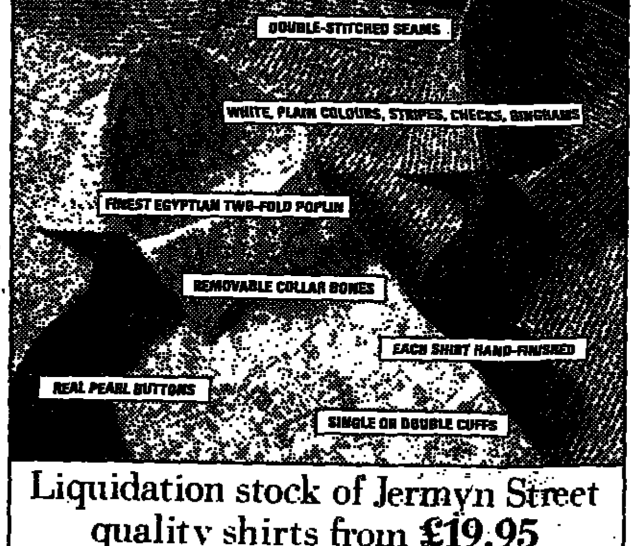

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